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North Checking Out

Transportation plan
Residents are encouraged to express concerns about transportation needs, traffic and safety at Albany's public meeting on its Citywide Transportation Plan on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Input at the Albany and Safety Commission-hosted meeting will be used in developing the plan. Details: 528-5760.

Act artfully
If you want to enter El Cerrito's seventh annual EarthDay '98 Art Exhibition, start work on your masterpiece. Entries will be accepted March 30 through April 10. The theme is "Responsibility with Nature and the Environment," and works should demonstrate respect for nature and reflect concern for the future of the Earth and its inhabitants. Entry forms with complete rules are available at the El Cerrito Recycling Center on Schmidt Lane, or at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave.

General Plan needs you
El Cerrito City Council is looking for interested citizens to serve on a General Plan Process Team. The Process Team will serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council regarding public participation in the General Plan update. Interested individuals may obtain an application form at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave., during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. The deadline for applications is 4 p.m., March 10. The City Council is planning to conduct public hearings on Monday evening, March 9, and appointments at the City Council meeting of March 16.

Grade parent night
Parents of 8th graders who reside in the city are invited to the Albany High School 8th Grade Parent Night on March 4 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Parents of 8th graders will receive an overview of the program and procedures for the school.

Tea dance
The Kensington Lions will hold the first annual "Tea Dance" Sunday, March 1, at the El Cerrito Community Center, 385 Colusa Ave., from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 and proceeds help Lions Club projects. Music by DJ's "The Other Brothers." Food and drink available. This dance is the first Sunday of each month. Details: Wickey Markow, 528-8746.

Cholesterol and you
The Albany Library and Community Center is sponsoring Health Lectures by Dr. Jim Good talks about cholesterol, the cause and control of the disease on Tuesday at 6:45 p.m.

Valuable El Cerrito
El Cerrito hosts City Planning at its next monthly meeting. Discussion of El Cerrito's General Plan update. Tuesday March 10, 7:30 p.m. El Cerrito Retirement Residence, 6510 Gladys. Free admission, behind St. John's Community Center, on the Ohlone side of the building. All are welcome.

Radio for dad
Radio 28 Father Time, with Doug and the radio show for and about fathers, 88.1 FM in El Cerrito, from 11 a.m. to noon) presents Father Time's home maintenance advice, on what you need to know about painting your home's interior walls. Ray Pedersen, Father Time's radio advisor, gives tips on buying paint and how to use it for your family. And El Cerrito, project director of the Home Maintenance Project at the Health Services Department, discusses safety and kids.

Golf tournament
The El Cerrito Elementary School Golf Tournament is on Saturday, May 2 at 1:30 p.m. at Lake Chabot Golf Course. Your entry fee includes green fees, cart, food, prizes and dinner. The tournament is a scramble format will fill all holes from high to low handicap. All are welcome. For more information, call the Music Department of the El Cerrito Elementary School. Entry form or details: 528-84218.

Albany mayor eyes socially conscious investing

■ City takes up the issue a week after El Cerrito began discussing it.

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — If Mayor Bruce Mast has his way, Albany will become a city that has nothing to do

with tobacco companies, environmental polluters and sweat-shop labor practices, possibly even what one major newspaper has termed the "illegal" presidency of Nigerian leader Gen. Sani Abacha. Of course, Mayor Mast would need three votes from the five-member City Council to make something like that happen. Thus far, he has

only one: his own.

Pursuing what would be his most radical move during two months as Albany's mayor, Mast last week proposed drafting resolutions urging "socially responsible investment alternatives" by state agencies, including screens against tobacco companies and those that harm the environment. Though only one

council member (Bob Good) of the four who were present shot the idea down entirely, others would commit only to looking into it further, leaving Albany's status as a cutting-edge, "socially-responsible" investor in limbo for now.

"As a local government, our first and foremost responsibility is to the residents of Albany," the Mayor

wrote in a memorandum to the council asking that the above-mentioned goals be pursued. "However, in promoting the interests of Albany residents, we should also pursue policies that promote the public good for the region, the state, the nation, and the world whenever doing so does not directly conflict with the

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Still the rain kept falling



People, soil get a few merciful days to wring out

Even with two non-rain days this week and another predicted today, a saturated community still has no lack of reminders of just how much rain has fallen during this record-breaking season.



Above, El Niño added a pool to Arlington Park — under the swing set. Center, a tree's roots gave way on the rain-weakened hillside on Galvin Drive, taking power and cable TV lines with it. The tree was just one of the storm season's casualties. Left, the precipitation also proved too much for the concrete planters on this portion of creek in Poinsett Park.

Top, bottom photo: J.R. Deaton. Center photo: Chris Treadway.

Budget: 'Warning of problems ahead'

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — With Councilmember Norman LaForce saying "I'm somewhat dissatisfied that we're still talking about what we're going to talk about" and Mayor Jane Bartke saying city government needs to look at finances in an "outside the box" innovative manner, and Councilmember Larry Damon saying "We've got to get past the question of is there a deficit to avoid," it's clear El Cerrito's Deficit Avoidance Program may take a while to gel.

For sometime now, civic leaders have seen a deficit problem looming on the city's horizon. During the past few months the city council and city officers have been working on something called the Deficit Avoidance Program. In a report before the council earlier this month, Jay Corey, the City's Interim Community and Administrative Services Manager, noted that the expected deficit is actually a "projected systematic shortfall." The report states that this shortfall is not a budget crisis, nor is it an actual deficit. The current year's budget is balanced and El Cerrito has a little more than \$1 million in reserve for emergen-

cies. But the staff report notes that "The projections were and are a warning of problems ahead if no changes are made." If the figures are correct, then the people of El Cerrito will soon have to decide if they want their taxes raised or their services cut.

Beginning with fiscal year 1998-99 (which starts July 1), city expenditures are expected to outstrip city income by \$900,000 to \$1.4 million per year during the next four fiscal years. A tax increase to close this gap would require two-thirds

voter approval to pass. But some people question, or at least want more clarification of, these fiscal projections.

"We have to start off on the right foot," Councilmember Gina Brusatori told the audience at the Feb. 17 city council meeting. "We can't just arbitrarily increase the revenues," she said, adding that would like to see a range of numbers and projections.

Although the city's budget projections are usually very accurate, sometimes reality is different from the prediction. For example, a re-

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EC Council takes meeting to neighborhood setting

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — About 35 people came to a city council/study session meeting last week to hear the council report on its recent goal-setting workshop and to talk about what they like and dislike about their community.

Gathering in the Fellowship Hall of Saint Peter's Christian Methodist Episcopal Church on Cypress Avenue, the audience heard Mayor Jane Bartke talk about the council's vision for El Cerrito before breaking into three study groups to discuss things for themselves.

During a three-day workshop last week the five councilmembers reviewed past achievements and developed one-year and five-year goals for the City. Among the suc-

cesses mentioned by Bartke at the Tuesday meeting was the initiation of the General Plan update process, the start of curbside recycling and green waste pick up, storm drain project completion and construction of the Arlington Fire Station #72. She said of the new building: "We now have a fire station that will survive any earthquake."

"Top priority" goals for 1998, according to the mayor's presentation, include the General Plan update work, a financial plan for the city, El Cerrito Plaza development and construction of a community soccer field. Secondary or "high priority" goals for this year include park restoration, creek restoration (with emphasis on Baxter and Cer-

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Teen center tops Albany block grant spending list

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Deciding how best to spend more than \$90,000 per year in federal grant money over the next five years, the City Council last week unanimously set creation of a new teen center as a top priority, followed by improvements to San Pablo and Solano avenues.

Though the source of the money, an estimated \$92,364 per year in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, has dwindled year by year and could someday cease entirely, the council did feel a new teen center should be at the top of the city's list. Other projects approved by the council include \$18,000 in Americans with Disabilities Act

improvements to Albany Preschool, \$180,000 in improvements to Solano and San Pablo, and \$10,000 to help update the city's zoning code.

Projects paid for this fiscal year by CDBG funds include the proposed Creekside Apartments affordable housing project at the old Villa Motel site, Solano Avenue street lights and code compliance assistance for San Pablo Avenue businesses. Also, though the city committed \$60,000 in CDBG funds to the Creekside Apartments project, Alameda County officials have given verbal indication that the county will foot that bill, which would in turn allow an extra \$30,000 to be

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Portola Middle School 7th grader Kiyomi Hayashida (2d place, biology), Tehiyah Day School 8th grader Lara Walklet (2nd, behavioral), Kennedy High 11th grader Swati Ahluwalia (1st, biology) and El Cerrito High 9th grader Zion Young (1st, math/computers).



West County Science Fair honors local students

There were 22 El Cerrito students who won awards when the winners of the West Contra Costa Science Fair were announced Feb. 12. The event showcased 196 entries from 10 schools: Stewart K-8 and Tehiyah Day schools; Adams, Carquinez and Portola middle schools; Juan Crespi Junior High; and De Anza, El Cerrito, Kennedy and Pinole Valley high schools.

The awards ceremony included special presentations of perpetual awards named for people who, in the past, have contributed greatly to the fair. The Hal Magarian Memorial Award with a cash prize went to De Anza High senior Diana Ortega for her project on

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Viewpoint

Why El Cerrito can't afford to sacrifice Baxter Creek

By Maryann Aberg
and Lisa Viani
Co-Founders, Friends of Baxter Creek

The new design for an expanded Lucky Market near the corner of San Pablo and MacDonald fails to reflect the "innovative thinking" promised by Lucky representatives at a meeting with the Friends of Baxter Creek in November 1997. Instead of creatively preserving the creek to attract customers with open space, native plants, wildlife, and an extension of the Ohlone Greenway, this proposal eliminates most of the open space on the site and buries at least half of the creek in a concrete culvert.

Why should we care about losing Baxter Creek and its surrounding habitat for a variety of birds and other wildlife? After all, some people consider the waterway to be a man-made ditch rather than a creek, and the area has been treated as a garbage dump for years. Why not take advantage of this development to spruce up the property? To answer these questions, let's consider the pros and cons of the proposal:

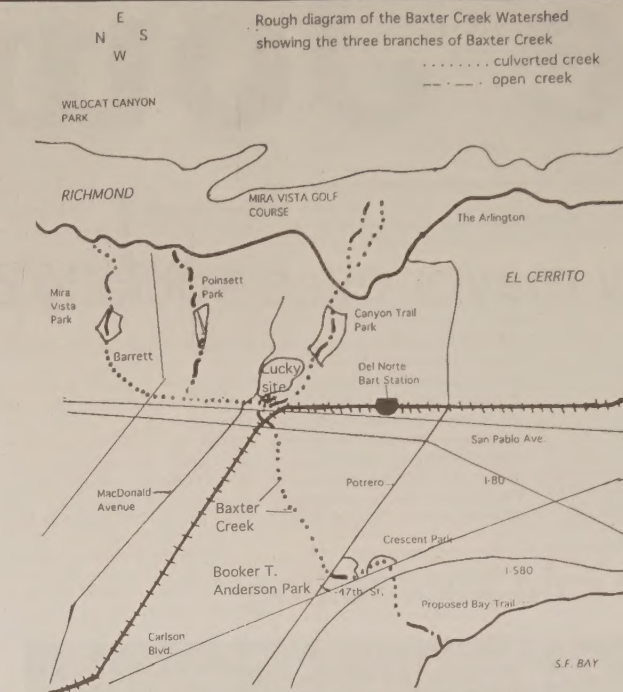
- A new, attractive Lucky store would brighten up the north gateway to the city, but a simple remodeling of the market at its existing site would accomplish the same transformation without jeopardizing property designated by the California Department of Fish & Game as a wetland. The store could even be expanded if the seldom-used parking spaces on the west side of the store were sacrificed or creative architects came up with an innovative shape to integrate a larger store with the existing creek. Friends of Baxter Creek could clean up the adjoining property with a grant

from the California Department of Water Resources and restore the creek at no cost to city residents. The Waterways Restoration Institute, a nonprofit creek restoration organization in Berkeley, could hire local youth groups like CYCLE or the East Bay Conservation Corps to maintain the restored creek at minimum wage.

- Grocery stores provide an important service to our community, but the existing Lucky Market is large enough to serve the needs of northside shoppers. The store is half empty during most of the week, and even if it were to close, there are plenty of other nearby grocery stores to choose from: Safeway across the street on MacDonald, FoodsCo three blocks away on Eastshore Boulevard, one of three other Luckys and Safeways in El Cerrito, and a Lucky and Raley's in San Pablo. Furthermore, if Lucky vacated such a valuable corner lot, it wouldn't be difficult to persuade a store like Trader Joe's to move there — providing even more selection for El Cerrito residents.

- An expanded store would generate more sales tax for the city than the existing market, but only for nongrocery items like drugs and sundries. On these products, Lucky would face fierce competition from nearby stores like Target and the Walgreen's being constructed across from the Del Norte BART station. The bulk of Lucky's sales would continue to be groceries, for which no sales tax is charged.

- The Redevelopment Agency would be able to improve an area long considered to be a blight on the El Cerrito landscape, but it is unclear whether this debt-ridden agency is solvent enough to either



Rough diagram of the Baxter Creek Watershed showing the three branches of Baxter Creek. Dotted line indicates culverted creek. Dash-dot is open creek.

contribute or finance the estimated \$1.1 million necessary to acquire the land from current property owners, relocate businesses like Winston Tires, and carry out toxic remediation on the site. Even if the agency managed to come up with that amount, why should El Cerritans foot the bill merely to increase Lucky's profits?

Clearly, an expanded Lucky Market is not necessary to improve the area, meet our needs for groceries and drugs, or contribute revenue to the city. The new market would serve only to strip El Cerrito of an irreplaceable natural resource

while lining the pockets of American Stores Properties, Inc., Lucky's Utah-based corporate owners. Even though creek consultant Ann Riley provided Lucky with minimum flood-plain widths for the creek, she has never advocated culverting any part of Baxter Creek. If Lucky must construct a new building, it should do so on its current site or on vacant, already developed property like the abandoned Food Bowl site a few blocks away on San Pablo.

Let's take a moment to consider what El Cerrito
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Letters to the Editor

Wrong message for future generation

Editor:
As a Jew and the grandfather of two Tzviyah Day School students, I am dismayed at the message Emanuel Zisman ("Jerusalem meets American Jewry," The Journal, Feb. 19) brings to my grandchildren. Netanyahu coalition member Zisman is quoted as saying that "nobody knows" whether Israel will use the atomic bomb on Iraq. If Zisman belongs to a coalition that even considers starting an atomic war and does not speak out against such a possibility, he is a disgrace to world Jewry.

Gilbert Bendix
Kensington

Measure A would make rules consistent

Editor:
Thank you for your informative article regarding Measure A which will be on Albany's June ballot. While the piece was thorough, I must clarify an important point. To quote the author regarding unexpected consequences of 1996's Measure Q: "...the wholesale removal of members of many commissions because no 'transition period' had been included [in Measure Q]."

Measure Q contained no "transitional language" for two reasons. First, Measure Q was an amendment to the City's Charter and transitional language does not belong in the City's Charter and never has been included in it. Second, Measure Q was written in accordance with the City's Ordinance 2-1.2. This Ordinance DID have transitional language that the City HAD BEEN using for over 25 years. In fact, Charter Section 3.21 contains provisions for just such ordinances which were consistent with the Charter.

In reality, Measure Q did nothing but transpose parts of City Ordinance 2-1.2 into the Charter so that volunteer appointment procedures were consistent — it did nothing to change how the City operated in regard to its volunteer appointments.

Unfortunately, after Measure Q passed, the City Attorney suddenly proclaimed that transitional language should be in the Charter. This caused "the removal" of many citizen volunteers from the City's various advisory bodies and also

The Ace of Cups

The Man I Greeted With a Gun in My Hand

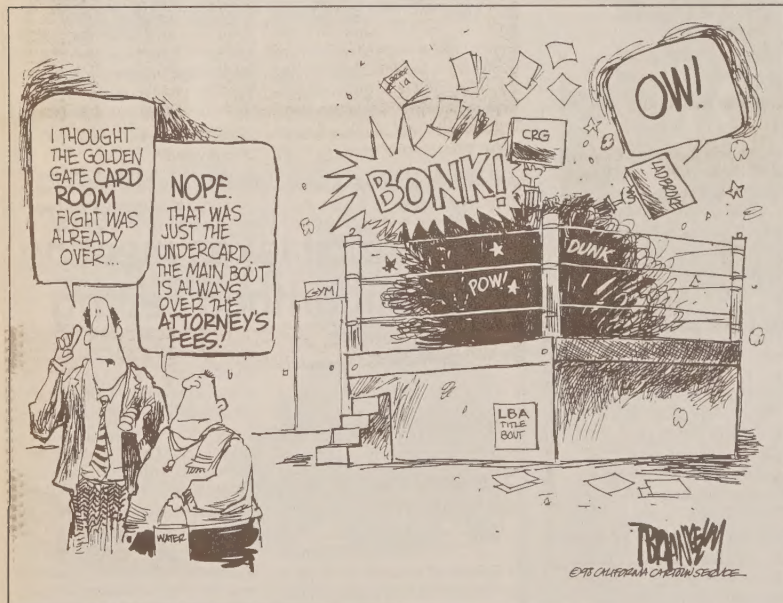
By Greg Hugunin

Deadline day is the most godawful of days. I dash to 3,000 words every week after work. I know how Sisyphus felt: every week, I'm waiting seven days later, which must be something...words, photos, gibberish...I come to care by the end of deadline day, which begins at eight a.m. and ends around five or six, by which time my vision is blurry and my hands hurt from typing and all I want is some fresh-squeezed orange juice from the corner store a block from my apartment.

Just a few weeks ago, deadline day had one of its temporary ends; more loomed ahead, but the week of 7 and 14 and 21 days off, and my creative juices were waiting as evening descended upon the neighborhood represents one of those strange combinations you find in San Francisco: we have flowering cherry trees and the immaculate Victorian houses, but also reports on the Ten O'Clock News that someone was killed stone cold dead block away the night before (and I always wonder why didn't I hear the shots?). Sometimes you say hello to people on the street, but more often you don't, and as I walked to the store I was in no way saying anything to anyone when a complete stranger stopped me and said he wanted to shake my hand. I was shocked; after all, I'm not a rock star yet. He told me where I knew him from, and I remembered: the last time I saw him he was standing at my door in his underwear at about 11 p.m. This, my friends, was no adoring fan. Instead it was The Man I Greeted With a Gun in My Hand.

But first, I should tell you about Untouchable Beauty, who bears a striking resemblance to the two impossibly perfect movie stars we all love: UB and I have known each other a few years, and I enjoy one another's company (although not necessarily in the way I would sometimes prefer), and too much because she's beautiful, and I can't have her.

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Deadline

Items for publication should reach us 10 days in advance.

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to Albany City Administrator Daren Fields, City Administrator and Community Development Director Bill Ekern:

While I cannot find it in my heart to appeal the Feb. 10 decision of the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve a Conditional Use Permit for Christopher Cheung's proposed restaurant at 1501 Solano Avenue, I have some serious issues to raise about the application of current permit policies.

At the Planning & Zoning hearing, Commissioner Hays said they weren't considering parking issues for this proposed business because "the current parking rules are unenforceable." What about everyone else who has followed those rules since their adoption about twenty years ago? No mention was made of the amounts that might be assessed on Mr. Cheung for "parking exceptions," but it seems that business will bring 30-40 cars at a time to the neighborhood, impacting both commercial and residential. It will be a nightmare!

In the same vein, the

disrupted the City's business — the Planning & Zoning Commission did not meet for one month and the Waterfront Committee did not meet for four months!

In its "clean-up" of Measure A, the Charter Committee has added yet another provision to the Charter that specifically cites the City's option in providing an ordinance with transitional language — as well as any other specific details necessary to administer volunteers on advisory bodies.

Permit policies enforced inconsistently

Albany residents should approve Measure A this June so that the City can finally have consistent rules in respect to its volunteer advisors.

Jerri Holan, Member
Albany Charter Committee
Albany

Whose client state?

Editor:
I loved Israeli journalist Ya'ari's metaphor in your Feb. pull quote: "We cannot handle [Iran and Iraq] all on our own, and we should not... The elephants like us should stay out of the elephants' way."

The worst-kept secret in the world is that that "rabbit" possesses a stockpile of nuclear weapons, and those who run the country know that nothing can wreck the world economy, and probably much more, than the rabbit using them. So America must go to war under a variety of pretexts to keep it from doing which brings up the interesting question of just who is whose client state anyway?

Gray Brechin
Berkeley

Political Notes

ing up
they lining up to take on the
the Lawyer?" So far EBMUD
member John Gioia of Rich-
has announced his candidacy
for Jim Rogers, also of
for Rogers' seat repre-
West County on the Contra
Board of Supervisors. But at
two others are said to be pre-
a run for the seat as well,
former El Cerrito city
member Cathie Kosel, now
Washingtonian.

that interest in the West
seat may actually work in
favor, according to some
observers. While his ethics as an
may have occasionally been
questioned, Rogers' name-recog-
nition is undeniable. Not only has
the consultation with no obliga-
tion of late night TV ads
the current president of
the legal practice ("Call now for
the current president of
the legal practice")

onlookers say that a single
could have a running
to capture a good portion of
the vote but that multiple challeng-
ers to divide the non-Rogers vote
probably leave him not even
a runoff.

Ballot

many voters will have more
Measure A (a city issue
regarding city council appoint-
to commissions) and Mea-
the countywide renewal of
cent sales tax for transpor-
on June 2. Three of
seats on the relatively ob-
Alameda County Board of
are up for election, in-
Trustee Area 1, which cov-
Berkeley, Emeryville,
and a portion of North
red. The incumbent is former
board member Jerome
an Oaklander who was
to the seat in 1992 and
to a full term in 1994.

board oversees county-op-
schools, approves the county
budget and sets the salary of
county superintendent. It also
handles student attendance dis-
appeals on student ex-
from school district boards
approves local district orga-
nizations and transfers of territory
between districts.

National opportunity

called Students for Edu-

cational Opportunity, which has
offices statewide and is based in
Berkeley, is gathering signatures
for the Equal Educational Opportu-
nity Initiative, a response to the
University of California's dismant-
ling of affirmative action require-
ments in admissions. The initiative
would permit "schools to consider
all aspects of an individual's back-
ground, including economic back-
ground and race, in order to meet
the needs of every student in Cali-
fornia. Organizers are trying to
gather 800,000 signatures by the
end of April to qualify the initiative
for the November ballot. Details:
601-8405.

No stampede at polls

Notes from the last election, cour-
tesy of the ECDC newsletter: 7,400
of 16,407 registered El Cerritos
cast ballots in the last election, a
turnout of 41 percent. Of those, 9.8
percent were absentee votes. Kens-
ington, with 4,218 registered vot-
ers, saw about 876 cast ballots (in-
cluding an estimated 80 absentee
ballots).

Middle school bond

"Not to jump the gun, but it's not
too early to start telling everyone
you know that there is no middle
school in Richmond and the stu-
dents have to travel far to attend
middle schools like Portola and
Adams," says the El Cerrito Demo-
cratic Club in its latest newsletter.
"We can't afford to lose this one,"
the newsletter adds about the bond
measure on the June ballot.

The club is also calling on El
Cerrito residents to participate in
the City Council's upcoming finan-
cial planning sessions, in the form
of citizen study groups.

ECAP meeting

Contra Costa's Elections Citi-
zens Advisory Panel meets March
2 at the Elections Office, 524 Main
St. in Martinez at 10 a.m. In addi-
tion to accepting public comment,
agenda items for this month's meet-
ing include an update on allegations
of voter fraud in San Francisco,
phone strategy on election day and
a League of Women Voters discus-
sion on video taping the elections
process.

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Albany relents on needle exchange benefit

By Lori Roniger

ALBANY — More than
150 teenagers and young
adults danced to the sounds of
reggae-flavored ska music at
Albany's Community Center
last Friday evening, hoping
their revelry will help reduce
the spread of AIDS.

An apparently innocuous
event, only days before it had
been canceled by the Com-
munity Center due to stated
concerns about security and
noise in the largely residen-
tial neighborhood at the cor-
ner of Marin and Masonic
avenues. But, outside the cen-
ter during the dance, the loud-
est noises came from street
traffic and trains on the nearby
BART tracks.

The gathering, which showcased
four local Ska bands, was a ben-
efit for Ska's NEED (Needle Ex-
change Emergency Distribution)
program. Despite the aim of needle
exchanges to prevent the spread of
diseases, such as HIV and hepatitis
C, amongst users of injectable drugs,
NEED and other needle exchanges
in the Bay Area and throughout the
country struggle to receive adequate
financing because of laws prohib-
iting needle exchanges and the use of
public funds for the purchase of
syringes.



Ska/punk band Alien Spy livens up the scene at the Albany Community Center. Teens gathered to raise funds to fight AIDS among needle users.

Rachel Hill, a Berkeley resident
who is a junior at Oakland's Col-
lege Preparatory School, had ar-
ranged Friday's benefit concert, but
was told by the Albany Community
Center only three days before the
scheduled event that it was being
canceled due to security concerns.
However, after Hill met with John
Medlock of the Community Center
the next day, the concert was per-
mitted to go ahead as planned.

Medlock was not available for
comment on the center's apparent
flip-flop on the issue.

Albany Police Lt. Greg Bone
said he had advised the Community

Center about his concerns regard-
ing potential security issues, "noise
level" and "behavior" problems at
the NEED event. But did the fact
that the concert was a benefit for a
needle exchange influence his rec-
ommendations? "Absolutely not,"
Bone said.

Additionally, Bone said that the
decision about whether or not to
cancel the event was made by the
City of Albany and the community
center, while he had merely in-
formed them about his concerns.

Susan Levine, Hill's mother,
speculated that the Albany Police
Department had confused ska mu-

sic with hip-hop music,
which has been associated
with violence at concerts in
the past. A fatal shooting
took place at the Thousand
Oaks Masonic Lodge after
a hip-hop concert last year.

Hill's father, Richard
Hill, said Medlock had be-
haved "very honorably" and
had been "put in an unfortu-
nate position by the police
department."

On Friday evening,
Rachel Hill was slightly dis-
appointed about the turnout
for the benefit. She noted
that The Daily Californian,
the UC Berkeley student
newspaper, had covered the
cancellation of the concert

on page one on Feb. 11, but pub-
lished a story about the reinstat-
ment of the event only the day be-
fore it took place, and on page three.

Fundraising has been a constant
battle for NEED since its inception
in 1990. The organization, which
holds weekly needle exchanges at
two Berkeley locations, receives
\$40,000 annually from the City of
Berkeley. The money goes towards
supplies with which NEED pro-
vides its clients - such as condoms,
dental dams and bleach - that is,
everything but syringes.

Under current state law, Berke-
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EC takes step to control neighborhood traffic

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — People living
near the Blake and Lexington and
Blake and Liberty Street intersec-
tions south of Del Norte Bart will
soon see stop signs replace the yield
signs at those two locations.

After receiving complaints of
unsafe traffic conditions at Blake
and Liberty Streets, the City hired
traffic engineering consultant
Charlie Abrams of Abrams Associ-
ates to evaluate the situation.
Abrams looked at the intersection
at Blake Street and Liberty Street as
well as the Blake Street/Lexington
Avenue intersection one block west.

Residents of the area complain
that people often travel the streets
too fast and that the yield signs are
sometimes ignored. "It's like a
speedway the way they drive up
and down this street," said Katherine
Cothren who has lived on Blake
Street since 1948. Joseph
McCormick, who lives on the south-
east corner of Liberty and Blake,
said "This is a very dangerous area

especially in the evening." The traf-
fic study notes that Blake Street
carries traffic between residential
areas east of Liberty Street to the
San Pablo Avenue corridor.

There have been two reported
broadside accidents at Liberty and
Blake and one at Blake and Lexing-
ton in the past four years. The
Abrams report states that the effec-
tive safe approach for both inter-
sections is less than 10 miles per
hour because houses and fences re-
strict the view.

Following staff recommenda-
tion, the city council approved the
new stop signs during its Feb. 2
meeting. The new signs should be
in place within the next few weeks.

Bumps in the road

Meanwhile, several years of pe-
titioning and lobbying City Hall
paid off for the 700 block of Pomona
Avenue residents last week when
El Cerrito's Engineering and Main-
tenance Division notified the neigh-
borhood that "a sufficient percent-
age of property owners were in



Speed humps are coming to Pomona Avenue.

agreement" about installing speed
humps on the street.

The block in question is adjacent
to El Cerrito High School and many
residents were concerned about
speeding traffic on the street. It

should be noted, as is often the case
with speed humps that not all res-
idents agreed with the petition ef-
fort. According to the notification,
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"within the next few months."

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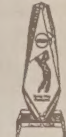
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■ Police Reports

Car thieves learn every litter bit hurts

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 1:45 a.m. on Feb. 20 officers observed the occupants of the car in front of them, a green Ford Mustang, toss litter out the window onto the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue. A check of the vehicle found that it had been reported as stolen from San Francisco. Officers contacted the occupants, a 22-year-old Clayton man and a 23-year-old Richmond man, and they were arrested for grand theft auto and possession of stolen property. They were transported to the Berkeley jail and the owner of the car was notified.

On Feb. 15 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that during the night some one broke into her '84 Jeep CJ7. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of Feb. 15 a woman called to report overhearing a conversation between her daughter and a person the woman knows uses drugs. She believed the person also supplied drugs to her daughter. Officers investigated and contacted the subject, a 17-year-old Tiburon girl, on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue. She was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and released to her father with a Notice to Appear.

On the morning of Feb. 16 officers investigated four cars on the 500 block of Pierce Street that had been broken into during the night. There were no witnesses to these acts.

At about 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 16 a resident on the 700 block of Jackson Street reported observing two male juveniles going into the Vista School yard carrying what appeared

to be beer in bags. Officers investigated and found a 22-year-old Albany man and a 23-year-old Oakland man who were indeed drinking beer. The Oakland man was arrested on an outstanding narcotics warrant from UC-Berkeley Police and was released with a Notice to Appear. The Albany man checked clear and was told to depart. The beer was poured out.

At about 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 17 a resident on the 1000 block of Pomona Avenue reported that his bike had been stolen while it was parked in front of the Safeway Store on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue. There were no witnesses.

Just before 8 p.m. on Feb. 17 a resident on the 1100 block of Dartmouth Street reported that a hit-and-run had just occurred. The driver had fled on foot and witnesses followed him and detained him until officers arrived. The subject, a 20-year-old Oakland man was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested for driving without a license and for DUI and was released with a Notice to Appear.

Several public mailboxes at various locations throughout Albany were broken into on Feb. 17 and 18. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Feb. 19 a resident on the 1000 block of Santa Fe reported that during the night thieves had entered her house and stole musical instruments. There were no witnesses.

At about 11:30 p.m. on Feb. 20 a resident on the 900 block of Cornell Avenue reported that several juveniles were creating a disturbance at the basketball courts at Cornell School. Officers contacted a group of nine people. Five were

sent on their way and three 17-year-old Albany girls were arrested for being minors in possession of alcohol and were released to their parents with a Notice to Appear. An 18-year-old Albany man was arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and was released with a Notice to Appear.

At about noon on Feb. 21 a resident on the 800 block of Ramona Avenue reported that thieves had stolen a large orchid plant from her front porch. There were no witnesses.

Shortly before midnight on Feb. 21 officers observed a 20-year-old Albany man on Solano Avenue near Peralta Avenue who was known to have outstanding Albany warrants for burglary and for DUI. He was arrested and taken to the Berkeley jail.

During the week of Feb. 15 officers fingerprinted seven people at their request, towed five cars, responded to 14 false alarms, attended to five lost or deceased animals, assisted five people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to three reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena officers intervened in four domestic disputes, one stand-by, 24 civil disturbances and nine civil assists. Firefighter/paramedics responded to three fire calls and seven medical emergencies.

I-80 worker injured

The California Highway Patrol reported Tuesday morning that a vehicle hit a construction worker on a ramp leading to I-80 in Albany. The incident, which occurred at the Buchanan Street on-ramp to westbound Highway 80, was reported at 9:23 a.m. Albany police officers were called to the scene.

Kidnap/rape ordeal ends in EC

By William-Arthur Haynes

EL CERRITO—Just after 12 a.m. on Feb. 17 a suspect kidnapped a 15-year-old woman at knife-point on Lincoln Rd. near Benecia Rd. in Vallejo and placed her in a car headed for Oakland. The suspect then took the victim back to Richmond where he raped and sodomized her in the loading dock of the San Pablo Ave. Lucky Supermarket near MacDonald. The victim was dropped off near Canyon Trail Park. Police received a description of the suspect. No arrests have been made.

On Tuesday Feb. 17 around 5:30 p.m. a man met a woman at her Kearney St. apartment where it was agreed the man would have sex with her in exchange for money. After having sex the man was unable to pay. The woman pulled a handgun and took the man to a Bank Of America ATM. When the man was unable to withdraw cash the woman took his wallet. The woman was arrested and booked on kidnapping for robbery.

Just before 1 p.m. on Feb. 9 an unknown suspect attempted to hit a man with his Toyota pick-up on the 11600 block of San Pablo Ave. after an argument and physical confrontation about driving.

Sometime between 8:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. on Feb. 9 an unknown suspect smashed the right rear window of a '91 Toyota Tercel parked in the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot and removed the vehicle's electronics. The loss was estimated at \$1,022.

Just before 10 p.m. on Feb. 10 a suspect grabbed a woman by the arm and offered her money for sex.

No arrest was made.

Sometime between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Feb. 13 a suspect reached into an open window of a '65 Ford pickup parked on the 1500 block of Richmond St. and removed a portable radio. The radio was later recovered. No arrest was made.

On Feb. 14 someone smashed the window of a '91 Plymouth Voyager parked on the 1700 block of Eastshore Blvd. and removed four bags of groceries and left the scene.

At around 8:45 p.m. on Feb. 14 someone threw a beer bottle through a Lincoln Ave. apartment window.

At around 9:50 a.m. on Feb. 14 an unknown suspect entered an open garage on the 2700 block of Arlington and removed a bicycle. The loss was estimated at \$600.

Sometime between 11 p.m. on Feb. 9 and 8 a.m. on Feb. 10 an unknown suspect pried open a garage door on the 2600 block of Tamalpais and removed tools, skis and an inflatable dinghy from a stored ski boat. The loss as estimated at \$2,560.

Just after 12 a.m. on Feb. 13 a woman was arrested in a '93 Mazda Protégé for an outstanding warrant on the corner of Eastshore Blvd. and Potrero Ave. The woman was arrested for the warrant and charged for resisting and delaying arrest and obstructing a police officer.

On Feb. 13 a man entered the FoodsCo and concealed a bottle of alcohol on his person before attempting to leave. The man was arrested for shoplifting.

During a traffic stop at MacDonald Ave and Interstate 80 around 1:30 a.m. on Feb. 16 a man was arrested for a warrant. The man was found to be in possession of a

hypodermic needle and syringe.

Police received a report Feb. 23 that a man working on a remodeling project on the 1000 block of Everett took a '91 Toyota Camry didn't belong to him. The car was estimated at \$890.

On Feb. 19 a man on the Plaza Longs Drugs and Pharmacy a package of Mother's Cookery magazine. The man was arrested for shoplifting.

At around 1 a.m. on Feb. 19 a man was arrested during a stop for possession of a marijuana.

Three juveniles and a 17-year-old were arrested Feb. 22 for possession of a stolen '86 Toyota Camry obtained in a strong-arm robbery.

On Feb. 22 a man on the Blockbuster Video and demanded the register. The man was arrested for possession of a gun and a knife.

Just after 12 p.m. on Feb. 22 a suspect was arrested for an outstanding warrant at the Eastshore Blvd. and Potrero Ave. Police found the person in possession of marijuana less than a year old.

Tax fraud indicted

SACRAMENTO — El Cerrito resident was indicted Feb. 6 by a federal grand jury on 102 counts of filing false tax returns and mail fraud. The indictment was filed by U.S. Attorney Paul L. Seavey, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California.

Carlton Meyer, 36, is accused of orchestrating a scheme, through a series of companies, to defraud the Internal Revenue Service of over \$600,000 in refund

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UTR sponsors Read Across America celebration

Albany PTA Council News

Do you know that next Monday (March 2) is Dr. Seuss' Birthday? In honor, the United Teachers of Albany are inviting local elementary schools to participate in the Read Across America celebration. Specifically, teachers are asked to have members of the West County community to donate one hour of time on March 2 to be a volunteer at a participating school.

At a letter to the community, Marta UTR president, wrote, "In the past years we have heard our state and national leaders talk boldly about the importance of reading to our children. It sounds great. But when we read, don't read, or can't read, there's no sense wringing our hands about this problem; we've got to get up our sleeves. As Eleanor Roosevelt said, 'Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.' In spirit, we intend to light thousands of candles across the United States... all on one day... to ignite a sustained commitment in every child to the basic skill of READ-ING."

Can you give an hour on March 2? If so, please call Drago at the UTR office at (222-5112).

UTR calls for community support of school bond

The "State of the City" address by Mayor Richard Corbin said on Feb. 18, Richmond holds a referendum on the school bond. Corbin said 1998 "may be the best time to call on the community to support the WCCUSD bond on the June 2 ballot. The measure seeks to reduce over-investing in district middle schools and carry out urgently needed facility improvement projects. Corbin said, 'We can't have a safe, economically sound community without a strong education system.'"

Math counts at Adams

For the fifth year in row, Adams Middle School has sent a team of four students to the MATHCOUNTS East Bay Chapter competition. Team members Amy Huang, Ben Moshe, Kathleen Tam and Bryce Young took fourth place at the Feb. 14 competition held at UC Berkeley. Ben Moshe ranked fourth overall in the competition, which involved public and private middle schools from throughout the East Bay. He will compete with the East Bay All-Star team at the MATHCOUNTS state competition in March. The national competition will be held in May. The Adams team, along with alternates Ian Umamoto and Andrew Kucera were coached by El Cerrito High students, and Adams alumni Adena Young and Ben Young. Both Adena and Ben represented Adams on the 1994 Adams MATHCOUNTS team and were members of the 1995 Adams team that won the East Bay Chapter competition and represented the East Bay Chapter at the state MATHCOUNTS competition that year.

MATHCOUNTS is a challenging mathematics competition organized and run by the National Society of Professional Engineers and sponsored by a number of public and private entities including NASA, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Texas Instruments Incorporated, General Motors, Dow Chemical, 3M Foundation and CNA. MATHCOUNTS is designed to promote seventh and eighth grade math achievement and stimulate student interest in mathematics "by making math achievement as challenging, exciting and prestigious as a school sport." MATHCOUNTS provided the Adams team with a valuable opportunity to expand and test their mathematics skills and abilities while also teaching them the discipline, preparation and teamwork needed to com-

pete at this level of competition. The four Adams MATHCOUNTS team members gained much in terms of confidence, mathematical knowledge and maturity as the result of participating in MATHCOUNTS.

Information about MATHCOUNTS can be obtained at their website at thechalkboard.com/MC/default.html or by contacting the California MATHCOUNTS coordinator, Scot Vorhees, by email at s.vorhees@cspe.com or by telephone at (916) 422-7786.

Many thanks to Naomi Young, Adams Middle School Site Council President, for the information on Adams Middle School's participation in MATHCOUNTS. Want to receive "West County School Watch" and additional WCCUSD related information and alerts delivered to your email address? Send the message "Subscribe WCSW" to pakglen@aol.com.



West County School Watch

By Glen Price

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Albany kindergarten registration

The Albany Unified School District will register children for admission to Kindergarten and new enrollments (Grades 1-5) for fall 1998 on Monday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. (next to the Albany Library) Starting March 10, children may be registered at Vista, MacGregor, Marin, or Cornell schools. The district notes that registering your child at the closest school may not guarantee assignment to that school, because it may need to assign pupils outside of present school boundaries in order to house the expected enrollment.

For kindergarten registration, parents must bring the child's certified birth certificate or other proof of age and be prepared to fill out health forms concerning vaccinations, immunizations, and childhood diseases. Documentation of the dates of immunizations for polio, D.P.T., measles

(Rubeola), mumps, rubella (German measles) and Hepatitis B for each kindergarten child is required.

Parents must provide a deed or rental agreement plus two other forms of proof of Albany residence (W-2 form, permanent driver's license, utility bills, bank statement, etc.).

Children are eligible for public school kindergarten if they will be age 5 on or before Dec. 2, 1998. (All students registering must provide documentation stating proof of age.)

If registration on March 9 is not possible, register your child during school hours at any elementary school as soon as possible after that date. The date of registration is one factor that may be considered in making school assignments.

An information evening for new kindergarten parents will be held on Tuesday, March 17 (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.) in the Multipurpose Room at Marin School, 1001 Santa Fe Ave.

By Belinda Lum

PTA meetings

• AHS PTA meets Monday, March 2 at 7:15 p.m. in the AHS Library.
• AMSPTA meets Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the AMS Library. This meeting will be of interest to parents of 5th grade children. After the business portion of the meeting, the focus will turn to answering elementary questions from future AMS parents.

School Board meeting

• Board of Education meets on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Cornell multi-use room.

Special meetings

• The 8th Grade Parent Orientation night at the high school is March 4 at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater.
• Instructional Improvement Council meets Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in room 58 at the high school.
• AHS Site Council meets Monday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library.
• An offshoot of the Albany Music Boosters has been created to help raise funds specifically for instrumental music at AHS. This group is meeting Tuesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in the Band room at the high school.

Poetry Forum

This poem was written as part of a series of workshops at Vista and MacGregor primary schools taught by poet Judith Tannenbaum.

The Pizza Moon

A whole pizza is like the moon.
The pepperoni are craters.

A banana is like a crystal moon
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Berries are like stars.

Oranges are like the sun, the moon and a round, big room.

Mangos are as oval as eggs.

A carrot is like a comet going down
and candy is like the sky.
Marshmallows are like a cloud
and a lollipop like a giant spoon.

Nerds are like crystals,
like rain.
Rice is the color of rain
and grapes falling are like rain falling.

Tootsie Rolls are the shape of a tunnel
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— group poem by Pat Donaldson's second grade class Vista Primary School

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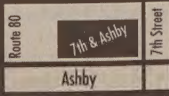
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■ El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

President picks chamber's '98 committees

El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce committees for the coming year were named this week by newly-elected President Bill Kerber.

A new Civic Affairs & City Council Liaison Committee will monitor and review actions of the Council on matters which effect the business community. This group will also meet with representatives of city government to discuss matters of common interest, and will participate in updating El Cerrito's General Plan. Serving as chairman of this group will be Marge Collins. Assisting her will be Bob Winslow, Bill Morrow, Bill Kerber and Sewall Glinternick. A Development Committee has been charged by President Kerber with the task of monitoring the actions of the Redevelopment Agency, the Redevelopment Advisory Committee, the Planning Commission and Economic Development Advisory Committee (should one be named by the city). Picked to head this group was local Realtor Sil Addiego. Serving with him will be Larry Sanchez, Bob Winslow, Janet Jolley, Bill Kerber and Sewall Glinternick. Addiego was also selected to serve as the Chamber's representative on the General Plan Process Team. In this post he will help develop a new General Plan for El Cerrito by encouraging outreach to the community and insuring that the development process remains on track in terms of activities, products and schedule.

For the second year in a row Janet Jolley has been picked to head the group which will plan the Annual Chamber Of October Fiesta.

Those who will be helping her

stage the '98 fall celebration include June Boblitt, Larry Sanchez, Will Chun, Rena Bruton, Barbara Cronin, Bill Kerber and Sewall Glinternick.

The job of overseeing and reporting on the progress of plans for the twice-yearly City-Wide Round-Up Sale Days promotion has been assigned to co-chairmen Harry Kiefer and Joe Pena.

As head of the Program Committee, Chamber First Vice President Michael Klinger will be responsible for consulting with the manager and staff to arrange speakers for the group's monthly business meetings.

New member hosts mixer

Newest business to join the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce is the Bending Willow School, located at 5327 Jacuzzi St., #3D in Jacuzzi Center.

The new martial arts school is headed by Scott Jensen, who will be hosting the next Chamber Mixer on Thursday, March 19. Those attending this session will have a chance to tour the school's facilities and may — if they wish — participate in a Tai Chi class free of charge.

Among the regular classes now being offered at Bending Willow School are:

Tai Chi Chusan, Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Ba Gua Zhang, Monday through Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and Northern Shaolin Kung Fu and Xing Yi Quan, Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Reinvestments roll in

For the past two weeks reinvestments in this organization have continued to mount as some 45 businesses, individuals and organizations have renewed their

membership in the El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce.

Latest to earn the sincere appreciation of the Chamber for their support were the following: Abbey Pet Hospital, V.G. White Jewelers, PetVet/ Petfood, Fraternal Order of Eagles, El Cerrito Royale, Smart & Final, El Cerrito Heating & Sheetmetal, Longs Drugs, Mason-McDuffie, Margie Myers, Contra Costa Civic Theater. Tony and Anna Mascaro, Neal Wells DDS, El Cerrito Art Association, Fern Luoma, Collins Property Management, Advanced Instruments, Dolly Helbush, The Junket, Strings Italian Cafe, Good Stuff Thrift Shop, Soroptimist International of El Cerrito. Larry Damon, EBMUD, Mark Perez DDS, El Cerrito Lighting, Ladbroke's Casino San Pablo, El Cerrito Medical Group, Marvin Collins Construction, Del Norte Check Cashing, Doherty's Truck & Auto Rental, Mira Vista Golf & Country Club, West County Times. El Cerrito Mill & Lumber, Mercury Mail & Message Service, Contra Costa Private Industry Council, Tradeway Stores, El Cerrito Electric, El Cerrito Plaza, Dr. John Hoagland, Interlude, WCCUSD Supt. Herb Cole, East Bay Sanitary, Target Stores, Uncle Wong's.

Talk on taxes scheduled

The El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce will come to the aid of small local businesses just as the deadline for filing tax returns nears.

Highlighting the next Chamber business meeting on Monday, March 23, will be a talk by representatives of Primerica Financial Services Investments (a subsidiary of Travelers Group) titled "The Tax Relief Act Of

1997 And You."

In charge of this program, scheduled for noon at Little Ange's Restaurant & Tavern at 6115 Potrero Ave., is Henry Lincoln Sr., head of the Primerica Financial Services office in El Cerrito. Pointing out that it was important for members of the local business community to attend this session, Lincoln promised it would show small businesspeople and the self-employed how to slash their tax bill.

"The big news for the businesses here," Lincoln said, "was that the new tax relief law includes a full slate of savings — including a break for family-owned businesses, capital-gains relief on the sale of firms, a more liberal home-office deduction, and fatter write-offs for health insurance for the self-employed."

Reservations for the March 23 tax talk may be made by contacting the Chamber office at 233-7040 by Thursday, March 19 with your choice of steak or shrimp salad for lunch.

Round-up sale deadline near

Local businesses interested in participating in the Chamber Of Commerce's Spring Round-Up Sale Days citywide business promotion were being urged this week to act as soon as possible.

The spring event is scheduled for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 26 through 29, and will be promoted in a special advertising supplement which will appear that weekend in *Family Fair*, *The Journal* and *Berkeley Voice*.

The Chamber has arranged a special low rate for those wishing to advertise in the Round-up Tabloid. Part of the cost of each ad will be rebated to the business



Honored for outstanding service to the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, immediate past-president June Boblitt receives special plaque from Bill Kerber, newly-installed head of local business organization.

organization to finance promotional activities throughout the year.

There is still time to reserve ad space in this supplement. Those wishing assistance in doing so may call the Chamber office at 233-7040 or *Family Fair* at 237-7777.

Day at the Races coming up

Tickets are now available for the El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce's annual Day At The Races on Wednesday, May 20.

Tickets for the event, which will be held at Golden Gate

Fields, are \$35 per person. The fee covers free valet parking, admission to the Turf Club gourmet lunch in the VIP Directors' Lounge.

Since space is limited, those interested in attending this event are being asked to make reservations as soon as possible by calling the Chamber office at 7040.

IRA advice available

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action.

"Greg, call 911," she said, and with that, she rolled over and went back to sleep.

I have never in my life called 911, and, unless given a real good reason, I wasn't about to start now. What I did do is, I decided to answer the door...after all, I wasn't going to let someone die right outside my window. I took my small-caliber handgun — a holdover from a few years back, when I used to carry large amounts of cash and live in the desert (all legal, of course, but don't ask) — figuring I wasn't going to let someone kill me right outside my window, either. I kept the gun in my hand and my hand in my pocket, no bullet in the chamber so there would be no accidents. But when I answered the door there was nobody there;

just the cold, lonely street.

"Hello?" I said, and there appeared a young man in underwear and a T-shirt, just a few years younger than me, shaking. He said he lived down street and that two men just woke him up and announced they were going to rob him. He was shaking something furious and said the men told him to stay in bed while they did this. He said they threatened to kill him if he left, which he'd done.

"You're the only one," he said. "The only one who answered. The only one."

I let him stand in the lobby and brought him my cordless phone and dialed 911 and handed it to him. With a gun in my hand I stood there watching him, this stranger, as he told the dispatcher what had happened. I kept an eye

on him at first, to make sure he didn't steal my phone, although after a while I went back to my apartment and put the gun away, feeling foolish for having brought it in the first place. The police arrived a few minutes later, too late to catch anyone, and the last thing I saw was the young man leading them into his house. Quite an adventure, considering I'd thought the night already over. As for Untouchable Beauty, well, she was fast asleep.

That was a few months back, and I did not recognize that young man when I saw him again, on deadline day, when my vision was blurry and all I wanted was some

fresh-squeezed orange juice to drink.

He had to remind me, and I was like, "Oh yeah, I remember you." He shook my hand and introduced me to his mother, who was parking her car, and told her I was the only person on our street who had answered. He said it again, like a mantra: He was the only one, and she said I was an angel, and I gave her one of those smiles, and they went into their house while I continued on toward the store.

I am certainly no angel, nor am I even particularly impressed with my handling of the situation: I mean, I could have done more, I

could have trusted him, given him a blanket to keep him warm or some other kindly thing like that. I let a stranger stand in my lobby for a few minutes, make a telephone call, and that was it. For God's sake, if you can't do that for a person, what are you willing to do?

Holy Smacker!! The Ace of Cups, after two installments, already has a new e-mail address! Can a secretary and a corner office in Manhattan be far off? E-mail us at AceDesCups@aol.com with items, comments, news good and bad. We love you so we swear we do adore you...

Creek

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stands to lose if this development is approved:

• **The risks are too high.** After decades of placing buildings on top of culverted creeks, many California cities have begun to understand the risks of this approach to development—particularly in seismically unstable locations like the Bay Area. Buildings over culverts often sink, culverts can collapse, and culverted creeks may contribute to flooding downstream by increasing flows and decreasing permeable soil surfaces. Now that FEMA is increasingly unwilling to bail out neighborhoods affected by unwise development decisions, can we rely on Lucky to pay for the ensuing damage? Or will taxpayers wind up paying for this mistake, as they did when the culvert beneath Berkeley City Hall collapsed, causing thousands of dollars in damage and requiring expensive renovation? Why take this risk when properly restored creeks can handle even El Niño's torrents with ease? It makes no sense to spend time and money to uncover the branch of Baxter Creek recently daylighted in Poinsett Park and then destroy this downstream branch, which has never flooded in its present location, by burying it underground.

• **The initial and ongoing costs**

are too high. Many American cities have begun to compare the exorbitant costs of culverting creeks to the reasonable costs of creek restoration. On the one hand, standard 30-inch reinforced concrete pipe for creek culverting costs \$110 per foot. This figure does not include the costs of installing, maintaining, and repairing the pipe. On the other hand, creek restoration costs only \$100 per foot, including labor, material, plantings, and maintenance. The Redevelopment Agency will be using taxpayer money to subsidize this development. Why shouldn't our hard-earned dollars be spent in the most sensible and economical way possible?

• **The environmental costs are too high.** After centuries of abuse, wetlands have finally been recognized as crucial natural environments that promote flood control, replenish and purify groundwater supplies, and provide essential habitat for birds, fish, wildlife, and vegetation. Last week, the Executive Board of the Contra Costa Sierra Club passed a resolution supporting the preservation and restoration of Baxter Creek and its surrounding habitat, and the El Cerrito City Council publicly announced its intention to make the restoration of Baxter and Cerrito creeks a priority this year. Lucky's proposal is hardly a creek restoration, however. Restoration

involves improving what exists, not destroying half of it. Berkeley, San Leandro, Santa Rosa, and San Luis Obispo are just a few of the California cities that have restored and enhanced their creeks without destroying them.

• **The costs to our children are too high.** UC Davis researchers have concluded that children are more creative and content at play in natural settings than fabricated playgrounds. Because children are running out of opportunities to experience nature in urban areas, we can set an example for other communities by preserving remaining stretches of open creeks and restoring surrounding habitat at modest cost. Open space near the border of El Cerrito and Richmond is rapidly disappearing. A creekside park south of Lucky Market, extending to the west side of San Pablo Ave., would create a graceful gateway from one city to the next and provide a hospitable rest stop for users of the Ohlone Greenway.

This year, El Cerritos face a development decision that will define our values for years to come. Will we erect a monument to consumerism by allowing Lucky to expand its store on top of Baxter Creek? Or will we save one of the last open spaces left in the city by rejecting this development and preserving the creek in a natural riparian park?

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The Elmwood Gallery specializes in quality European and Oriental rugs, textiles, custom crafted pine furniture, paintings and artifacts. Antique rugs and tapestries are also part of the fine offerings you will find there. "Most of our inven-

tory is either imported or purchased locally," says Shaghghi. We are always searching to purchase antique rugs and paintings which contribute to our constantly changing exhibitions."

If you are merely browsing, you can expect a low pressure, museum setting where knowledgeable staff are available to educate you about their inventory. "This is a haggle free atmosphere where the client is not obligated to purchase," says Shaghghi. We guarantee low prices with a trade and exchange policy."

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by Laura Fischer

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Children

Ongoing
Winter programs for Children at Berkeley's Central Library: Mondays at 10:30 a.m.; through April 6; Bouncy Bounce, the programs include stories, songs and fingerplays for the baby and toddler, includes the words to the songs and activities to bring home; Family Storytimes for 2-7 year olds and their parents, take place every Saturday, 10:30-11 a.m.; through Apr. 4.

The Senin Foundation for Japanese Cultural Arts hosts Martial Arts for Kids. Monday through Thursday, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.; Ages 5-14, instruction in aikido, jujitsu, yoga, healing arts and fine arts for Mom & Dad. 1053 San Pablo Ave., Albany, 526-7518.

Classes

Feb. 26
Seed and Seed Treatments: 7-9:30 p.m.; enrich your understanding of seeds and increase your skill in propagating them with them Martin Grantham, UCGB Horticulturist; 10 a.m. of the class Saturday, Feb. 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; University of California Botanical Garden; 643-2755; \$65.

Vista Community College
 Feb. 20 and 27: "Quick books for Small and Mid-Sized Businesses." 5-9 p.m. in rm. 203 at Vista. 644. Call Mildred Stewart for reservations and information, 841-8860 x. 256.

Feb. 28: "In-House Tour Operations", 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; covering how to book tours, calendaring, dealing with suppliers, deposits and final payments.

Feb. 28: "Financial Planning and Investing for your Future," 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; demonstrating investment strategies designed to lead to a secure financial future. \$25.

At Vista, rm. 303, 2020 Milvia St. between University and Addison, Berkeley, 841-8860, ext. 213. \$6.50 each for CA residents.

March 2
French classes for adults: at the Alliance Francaise East Bay. All levels, native teachers. 2004 Woolsey St., Berkeley, 848-1520.

Ongoing
Folk Dancing every Friday night at 8 p.m.; at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains,

just south of Solano Ave. Lessons taught at the beginning of the evening - Balkan, Greek, Israeli, Armenian, International till 9 p.m.; Requests and dancing 9-11 p.m. \$4.

La Peña Cultural Center: free Afro-Cuban Youth Performance Ensemble. Musician Guillermo Cespedes will teach an Afro-American music workshop for youth every Monday; experience not required. For more information, call Sylvia at 849-2568, ext. 16.

Adult Cuban Music Ensemble: 6-8 p.m.; Students will play popular Cuban music. \$12 per class. Open to instrumentalists and singers.

Berkeley Yoga Center offers a free introductory Yoga class the first Friday evening, every month and other free Friday evening events where people can come together in the spirit of community. Call for details, 649-9812.

Yoga at Noon: Thursdays and Fridays until 1 p.m.; Classes include stretching exercises, seated and moving meditation, healing arts, and breathing exercises. Japanese Yoga classes are also offered; Senin Foundation Center for Japanese Cultural Arts, 11053 San Pablo Ave., Albany; 526-7518.

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Salsa Lessons: 7-8 p.m.; beginners; 8-9 p.m.; intermediate; Steve Friedman gives Salsa dance lessons every Monday night at the Francis Albrer Community Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley; 287-9501; \$7 for one, \$12 for both lessons.

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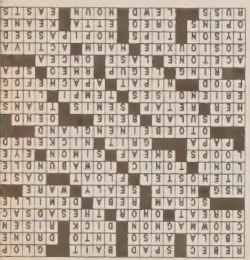
World Beat Workshops by Kristi Rudolf Saturday at 11:30 a.m.; Monday at 5:30 p.m. & Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

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International House: African American Heritage Banquet: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.; all you can eat buffet feast of "soul food" and specialties from Africa and the Caribbean; \$7; 642-9456. 2299 Piedmont

Feb. 26
Showcase '98: 5-8 p.m.; The Berkeley, Emeryville and Richmond Chambers of Commerce will host this tradeshow and mixer featuring 50 booths and a great opportunity to learn about local businesses and community organizations. at the Radisson Hotel Berkeley Marina, 200 Marina Blvd. A Free event.

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Ongoing

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Volunteers are needed at the Alameda County Community Food Bank to help feed the hungry and homeless by sorting food or participating in food drives or other special events. Call 568-3668 ext. 308 for more information and current schedule.

Volunteers needed: Free Folk Festival, scheduled for 10, 1998. Two full days of the main stage showcasing local musicians. Call 843-3810.

Parents Need Support can make a difference! Become a volunteer at the Parent Support Hotline Counselor at Parent Service, Inc. Weekdays, one hour per week. Free 30-hour pretraining Sat. and Sun., March 8-9. Black, 893-9230, Ext. 510.

The Open House for Alzheimer's Respite Support Group each Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for more information. Part-time help is welcome and necessary. Call Ellen at 843-3810.

Sakura Kai: meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

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AEF announces Mini-Grants

The Albany Education Foundation announces the awarding of over \$10,000 in Mini-Grants to help fund 30 programs in the Albany School District for the 1997-1998 school year. These Mini-Grants support a wide variety of programs throughout the District. This year's proposals included requests for special "Senior Motor," P.E. equipment, musical instruments, animal Tracking Workshop, Kwanza cultural enrichment program and several field trips. Mini-Grants are for a maximum amount of \$750 for direct classroom support, with funding for this year's programs ranging from \$50.00 to the full \$750.

"AEF Mini-Grant funding enables us to do the extra things that provide the kind of activities that enhance a permanent memory in the lives of the children," says Fran Sheppard, Albany Middle School teacher. Sheppard used her Mini-Grant to fund the Kwanza enrichment program. The grant allowed Albany teacher Vernola Williams to bring the music, the candle lighting and the symbolic meals of Kwanza in an interactive format to the sixth grade class. The Kwanza experience provides an excuse to let the kids "celebrate," Sheppard said. This is the third consecutive

year the foundation has funded grants for teachers for a wide variety of projects that in the past have included a little red wagon for the Children's Center, recorders for third graders at Mann School and funding for a multimedia art project at Mac Gregor High School.

Emphasis is given in the selection process to those programs that will serve the widest range of students for the money funded, and it is a goal that all of the sites in the Albany school system are equally and fairly represented. This year more than 34 applications were received with a total request for \$25,890. A total of 30 grants were funded, seven fully and 23 partially for a total dollar amount of \$10,071 in Mini-Grants.

The AEF was founded in 1995 to provide additional resources to students in the Albany Public School District. In addition to Mini-Grants, the AEF has distributed Block Grants of up to \$5000 for district wide programs, recently raised money for Connecting Kids, and has set up an Endowment Fund to ensure long term support of Albany schools.

Tax deductible contributions may be made to the Albany Education Foundation offices at 1730-A Solano Ave., Albany 94706. Details: 524-7797.

Chamber

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Albany Chamber of Commerce, are among local residents information on new rules regarding Individual Retirement Accounts. A company representative said that since last year there

have been numerous changes in IRA regulations. The amount of money a person may invest has changed, he explained. Children can now have IRAs, and money can be taken out on a tax-free basis. Also, new IRAs can be tax-free.

For free details on the new rules contact Harold Jamison, 235-0353.

Obituary

Marjorie Werle dies at 96

Longtime Albany resident Marjorie Werle died Feb. 20 in Berkeley at age 96.

Mrs. Werle was born June 9, 1901 in Wittenberg, Germany. She was the wife of the late Albert Werle and was a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church. She is survived by her son Albert

Werle of St. Helena, daughter Dorothy Thomas of Albany, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A visitation and vigil service were held yesterday and a blessing service will be held today at 10 a.m. at Ellis-Olson Mortuary, 727 San Pablo Ave., Albany. Interment will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in San Pablo.

El Cerrito High Casino Night is March 21

El Cerrito High School's annual Casino Night will be held Saturday, March 21 at the El Cerrito Community Center from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Reserve your place now for this popular event sponsored by the West Contra Costa County Education Fund. Free hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be available, along with a no host wine and beer bar.

"Gambling" at blackjack, craps, and roulette tables will be the main feature.

Prizes will be awarded throughout the evening and for the "big winners" at the end of the evening. There will also be a general raffle during the event.

The tables are run by a professional group and instruction is provided for non-gamblers.

People receive "fake money" at the door which is included in the price of their tickets, and more script is available throughout the evening at a discount price for those who lose their original stake and wish to continue "gambling."

This is a social evening, a chance to meet faculty, staff, other parents and returning alumni.

Many businesses have already helped by sponsoring a table or part of a table, however, sponsors and prize donors are still needed. Tables, which are sponsored by local businesses at \$200 each cover the cost of the evening, which frees ticket and drink sale profits for school programs.

Those interested in donating prizes or in sponsoring a table, or even half a table, should contact Louise O'Dea at 526-8169.

Casino Night is El Cerrito High's largest fundraiser. All proceeds will go to each of the departments who have expressed a "wish" for special educational items above and beyond what they might expect to come out of the district budget monies. In this way all of the students can expect to benefit. An example of a wish is for another "dedicated phone line" which can inform parents by automated dialer of school events and other important information, which in turn would free up the existing phone line to concentrate on lending parents know if their child has missed school on a particular day.

To reserve your tickets contact Louise O'Dea at 526-8169. Tickets cost \$23 per person.

The Casino Night Committee wishes to thank the following businesses that have sponsored tables, or donated prizes: Dr. Foor Paws Pet Hospital; Black, Brown & Lanier, Attorneys; Silver Screen Video; Bank of the West; Kenneth Brennan, DMD, MS; Michael L. Doucet, DDS; Soroptimist International of El Cerrito; Domino's Pizza; Marvin Gardens Real Estate; El Cerrito Medical; Al Caruso Insurance; Abbey Carpet; Chapman & Gough, General Contractors; The Glenn Custom Framing; Edward M. Matsushita, DDS, Inc.; Pastime Hardware; Larry Seidell Chevron; Nations; Hotel Mac; Lalimes; Walden Books; V. G. White Jewelers; Oakland As; Beadazzled and Larry Parks.

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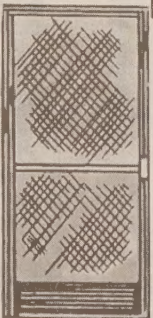
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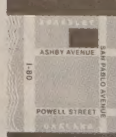
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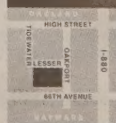
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Cars for a Cure; help children and adults suffering from devastating digestive diseases by donating your used car, truck or motorhome to the Crohn's and Colitis foundation of America, Inc. (Greater Bay Area Chapter). All proceeds directly benefit programs, services and research to find a cure; (415) 578-6590 or 1-800-3-AUTO-77.

Volunteers needed; Crisis support Services of Alameda County, formerly Suicide Prevention, receives nearly 50,000 calls per year and the need for people to serve the 24-hour crisis lines is constant. No prior experience required,

training provided; 848-1515.

Volunteers needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day Care program, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

Exhibits

Feb. 28
Exhibit of Children's Art and Writing Projects from Malcolm X School; 2-4 p.m.; through March 21; Visual Arts/Language Arts: A Project for kids in the Public Schools (VALA) worked with three classes in a seven week program and is now showing the at the Berkeley Store Gallery, 2295 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, For info call Tina Rotenberg, 845-9610.

March 2
Winterland II; through March 29; an exhibit by Bay Area photographer, Bob Seewin features a series of photos from the Yosemite Valley in winter; opening reception is Mar. 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.; At the UC Faculty Club, 284-2475 for further information.

March 3
Andy Levy; through March 30; an exhibit of semi-abstract portraits, figures and still lifes in watercolor; Madame's Gallery, 2748 Adeline in Berkeley, opposite the Berkeley Bowl. For more information call 526-4613.

Ongoing
The Other Self ; through April 5; works on paper by Helen Berger, Sally Weare and Shane Weare, three accomplished Bay area artists exploring the human condition and identity; Live Oak Park in Berkeley's Gourmet Ghetto; 1275 Walnut St., 644-6893. Admission is free.

The paintings of watercolorist A.T. Klash; through March 18; San Pablo Arts, One Alvarado Square, San Pablo. 215-3030.

Exhibition of recent Paintings by Adriana Diaz; through April 10. A reception for the Artist on Saturday, Feb. 28, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; University Lutheran Chapel, 2425 College Ave., 215-3206.

"Jewish Pictorial Carpets from the Anton Felton Collection, London" through April 19. A premier American exhibition of the world-renowned, seminal collection of Jewish pictorial carpets from Persia and the Jewish workshops of prestate Israel; 2911 Russell St., 549-6935.

Simple Pleasures; through March 8; a group exhibition featuring work in a variety of media by six Bay Area artists: Dennis Begg, Lynn Beldner, Amy Berk, Galen Brown, Michael Damm, and Melissa Herman; Traywick Gallery, 1316 Tenth St., near Gilman; call Katrina Traywick or Robin Galas at 527-1214 for more info.

Old Masters Prints at the GTU; 5-7 p.m.; through April 5; The Flora

Lamson Hewlett Library at the Graduate Theological Union features a display of woodcuts, engravings and etchings from the collection of Harry and Herta Weinstein. The exhibit includes works by major artists from the early sixteenth century; 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, 649-2420.

Wayne Miller, Black Chicago, 1946-1948; through March 14; From a collection of over 500 photographs, Miller, now 78, has decided on 70 from his Chicago study of black families in the South city to exhibit at the Graduate School of Journalism, 1212 North Gate Hall, #5860, Berkeley; 642-4825, or Wayne Miller himself at 254-3984.

"The Louis Stein Collection: The Neighborhoods of Berkeley"; through April; a new exhibit of the Berkeley Historical Society looks at Berkeley's neighborhoods and the UC-Berkeley campus in the form of photographs and other material; Berkeley Historical Society, Veterans Memorial Building, 1931 Center St; 848-0181.

Berkeley Art Museum
Human Comedy: Lithographs by Honore Daumier; through Mar. 29. An exhibition by French satirical printmaker Honore Daumier (1808-1879) in the Theater Gallery.

Hogarth and His Times: Serious Comedy; through April 19; works by William Hogarth, English satirical printmaker.

Lectures and Workshops

Feb. 26
Love and Suffering; 7-9 p.m.; exploring the meaning of the cross for Christian spiritual life and social action, a three week lecture series led by Janet Gear, MA, M.Div., 231-5943; hosted by the Durant House, 2330 Durant Ave., Berkeley, \$30.

La Peña Cultural Center; 7:30 p.m.; "Suppressed Histories: Sahara/Sahel. Ancient Saharan murals and megaliths." Tuareg mother-right, dogon cosmology. Ceramics of Mali and Chad. Fulani arts, female muralist of the Sahel. West African Scripts. Timbuktu and more. Presented by Max Dushu, At 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 849-2568. \$5-10.

Feb. 27
The City Commons Club presents: "Epilepsy" with Grange S. Coffin, M.D., Physician. Luncheon Lecture series. Featuring Lunch and Social Hour starting at 11:15 a.m.; Speaker starts at 12:30 p.m.; At 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley, 848-3533 or 845-4725 for reservations and information. \$1 admission with coffee, students are free.

"Don't take it Personally! The Art of Dealing with Rejection"; noon-1:30 p.m.; with Elayne Savage, Ph.D., booksigning to follow lecture-discussion. At the Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany, 524-0291.

Transformative Arts Dialogue

Night; 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Bill speaks on the evolution of various projects that are part of the Public Annual Art-in-Print program. Kennedy University Arts Center, San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, at the Ashby, 2nd floor, 649-4340.

Alliance Francaise East Bay; culture and slide presentation in French. Young couple circles the world on scooters." 2004 Woolsey St., Berkeley, Call 548-1520 to verify location and a reservation; \$8.

Feb. 29 and Mar. 1
An Evening and Daylong Meditation Retreat with Sylvia Berman; 7:30-9:30 p.m.; an introduction to the theory and practice that will be on Sun., 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Halev, 2525 8th St., #13, Berkeley, 9687. \$75 for both events.

Mar. 3
"Geologic and Paleontological Sonning for Life on Other Planets"; p.m.; with Dr. Peter Ward, from Geological Sciences and Zoology of Paleontology, University of Washington, Seattle, 2050 Valley Encines Building, UC Berkeley, for more info.

Mar. 5
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Each year, Downtown Berkeley hosts the Jam Jazz and Blues Festival. Attracting over 6,000 patrons each year, the Jam is one of the best outdoor music events in Berkeley. It's unusual to have such an onslaught of activity in downtown. New pedestrian lighting, the parking validation program, landscaping, and improved pedestrian crosswalks have made Downtown Berkeley a more attractive place to work, live and play. Recent visitors may have noticed cleaner sidewalks and streets thanks to the tireless efforts of Public Works and B.O.S.S. clean-up crews.

Enhancements to the area continue with The Downtown Berkeley Public Improvements Plan, an eco-city approach to downtown revitalization. This endeavor encompasses the Center Street Plan, a joint project of UC Berkeley and the City which is significantly funded by a Transportation Enhancement Activities grant from the Federal Government. The project, designed to spruce up the pedestrian corridor that links



Experience

Goings...

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 "How to Be an American" series; the
 House, UC Berkeley Campus,
 for students.

"The Photograph as a Voice in Con-
 vention" 6-9 p.m.; Bay Area photog-
 raphers show slides and discuss how pho-
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March 3-4 p.m.: "Interviewing with
 Confidence" \$5 for non-members.

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 sessions for writers, musicians and art-
 ists by Irina Rivkin, M.S. in counsel-
 ing \$15 for individual sessions.

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 Feb. 26; 7:30 p.m.; William Frances
 Devine, *Women, Men and Money*

Feb. 27; 7:30 p.m.; Carol Lee Flinders,
At the Root of This Longing

March 2; 7:30 p.m.; Kim Addonizio,
*The Poet's Companion: A Guide to the
 Pleasures of Writing Poetry*.

March 3; 7 p.m.; Letha Hadady and
 Michael Foster: *Magic, Mystery and
 Medicine*.

March 4; 7:30 p.m.; Justine Willis
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March 2

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 ley Senior Center; Hearst and Martin
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 tuality in the Christian faith through the
 Catholic tradition; Newman Hall, 2700
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 ley; Wendy, 849-3910 or Antonio at 841-
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So, we were on a ship in the Gulf of California, with about 90 other people who were excited and delighted to be, at last, in this sparsely inhabited area that is part of Mexico, yet quite apart from it, that is inhabited in a few locations (mostly in the North near the border of U.S.) but wild and barren for the most part. Baja California, after you leave the cities such as Tijuana, Ensenada and La Paz, is truly a foreign country. And one treads lightly hoping never to cause it to change.

The major reason for our being on the ship, in the Gulf of California, was our quest to see the great whales. At this time of the year the whales come to the warmer waters of the Gulf to give birth to the babies that were conceived during the winter in Alaska and points North. This year, with El Niño changing so many things, many of the whales were late arriving because the waters along the coast of California were warmer than usual, and some babies were being born there.

But they didn't disappoint us. Few of the giant blue whales show themselves in this area, but the humpback and gray whales are there in abundance. On our second day out a shout from the bow informed us that humpback whales had been seen. It was very early in the morning, and most of us had not really gotten ready for the day. We dashed up on deck in whatever we could throw on, with nothing silly like makeup, and with hats to cover our uncombed hair. And it was worth it.

In the ocean, first at a distance from us and then, as the ship turned in their direction and as they became aware of us, quite close to the ship, the whales blew, jumped and dived amid our cries of "over there," "oh, look at that one," and "God, how beautiful!" Dr. John Heyning, Curator of Mammals at the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum, gave us a fascinating lecture on the humpback, even as we watched them. So we knew when they dived they would not reappear for some 10 or more minutes because they had gone to the bottom to take mouthfuls (gallons) of water filled with the small organisms that are their primary nourishment. Of course, while one dived, others would be up for air and take a minute to see what all the noise was on that large white ship that followed them wherever they went.

So active were our huge friends that we could hardly bare to go below and leave them. The staff even offered to serve us breakfast on deck so that we should miss none of the excitement. However, most of us could not imagine eating our breakfast in

the cold and wind that prevailed, and few stayed longer on deck. The whales seemed to sense the diminishing audience, and swam away from the ship.

It was some days later that, in our little Zodiacs (the rubber boats that take us from the ship to wherever we want to go — or the staff wants to take us) we visited with the smaller gray whales in another part of those wonderful waters. Most of the gray whales were mommies and babies. The moms were teaching their young how to find the food so abundant in that area. They, too, gulped gallons of water as they dived to the bottom of the waters. These creatures, though, strained their food out with a very simple but effective system that took little time and effort. So after they dived they came up for air in a shorter time. And as most of them were young and curious, they gave us many opportunities for snapping their pictures. They never did get close enough to our little boats for us to touch them, as we had hoped (and as they had last year when a friend had taken this trip), but they did cavort close enough for us to get a good sight of them. Our shouts of, "Over there. A spout!" and "oh, wow!" probably drew them. And the staff, steering the boats, were quick to swerve and change course when a whale was sighted.

But what intrigued me even more were the dolphins — sea mammals, indeed, but smaller and cuddlier. They really did frolic and cavort about our boats, teasing us by going beneath us and coming up on the other side, jumping over each other, and generally letting us know that they were playing with us, and wasn't this fun. Since the ship used a buddy system when we were out on the Zodiacs, there were always two fairly close to each other. And the dolphins knew it. They would dive beneath our boat, and come out in the small area between boats, there to do their happy dance for the edification and joy of all of us. I didn't want to leave them, even to see their cousins, the gray whales. But the whales were what we had come to see, so we did leave them and follow the ebbs and flows that indicated the presence of the whales.

Wonderful and delightful as they were, the whales, although the real reason we were all there, were not the only attractions. The several naturalists on the ship were an enthusiastic, active lot, and their excitement was contagious. So when we saw a different bird it was, "Larry, look. What is that?" And Larry could always find the bird and usually identify him. Our geologist was an utter delight and her wit and wisdom were always there. The aforementioned William, a botanist, was mostly into plants, and they so invigorated him that even on our very last day, as we took a bus to take us back to La Paz, we had to stop to see a different cactus that is found only in that very small space on that very small peninsula (it looked for all the world like a rolled up burrito).

All this and I haven't mentioned the sand dunes (our group walked across one set from the bay, to the


other side which fronted on the Pacific ocean); or the one day of storm when our little ship was tossed and battered by heavy seas and high winds. It was so exciting to feel ourselves raised on a giant swell, only to slap down on the other side. Exciting, but in no danger. The *MY Sea Lion* was a strong, seaworthy little ship. Interestingly, the captain and most of the crew were women. Young, tanned and friendly, they made us all proud. All of the crew, male and female sang

the wonders of Captain Jill. And often it was her strong wrist that we clasped to climb out of the water. (Did I mention the snorkeling? great. Fascinating fish, many of which we had never seen before).

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BHS has clear path toward state title

Jelani Harper

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is if the Lady Yellowjackets

has a clear path
this year's
basketball
championships.
Just consider
the facts. The
Jackets (23-3,
East Bay
League)
are the de-
fending Division
1 state hold-
ers. They have just
another
title. They begin EBAL
play tonight against Monte
Lima who beat Livermore Tues-

Just consider the facts. The Jackets are the defending Div. 1 state champions and have just won another league title.

day. But the Jackets have already beaten both teams twice this year, and should have no problem beating the Mustangs for a third time.

In fact, the EBAL playoffs are just a mere formality for the Jackets, since they're already guaranteed a North Coast spot for winning the league. But the Jackets will be hard pressed for competition in the NCS as well, since in all likelihood it will be

only composed of four teams including themselves. Apparently

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Gauchos out to prove their success is no fluke

Jeff Sepulveda

has been a largely success-
ful season to date for the El Cerrito
basketball team now takes on
a matter of urgency. After finishing
Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic
League season at 8-3, the Gauchos
advance to the postseason playoffs as the
second place team in the Super Power
division. They still have much to prove.
The EC's overall record of 20-
11 assures a North Coast Sec-
tion 3 at-large playoff bid.
The Gauchos have their eyes set on
season championship. But the
road to an automatic NCS playoff
will not be easy, as rematches
with ACCAL Super Powers

De Anza and St. Joseph, both of which defeated EC during the regular season.

The Gauchos were scheduled to open the playoffs Wednesday night with a rematch of this year's ACCAL opener at St. Joseph in Alameda where the most heart-breaking of their losses came this year. EC dropped a 52-48 decision after holding a double digit lead in the fourth quarter.

In the first matchup vs. St. Joe, EC held McDonald's All American forward Ray Young to a single point in the first half, but couldn't contain star guard Rene Jacques in the fourth quarter, as he burned the Gauchos

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St. Mary's all-league selection Spring Harris scored half her teams points against Holy Names, but it wasn't enough.

Jeff Lindquist

Cougars play part of spoiler at season's end

By Jelani Harper

Who said it couldn't be done? Last Friday, in their final game of the season, Albany's boy's basketball team got to play the part of the spoiler. The Cougars (6-20, 2-9

ACCAL) went against all odds and defeated Salesian 53-50, thereby simultaneously knocking them out of first place and picking up their second win of the season.

"The kids played very, very well," said coach Fred Gonzalez. "We

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The waiting game

**Panther girls stopped by HN
SM boys net top seed in ACCAL**

By Jeff Sepulveda

Limbo. That's where the St. Mary's girls' basketball team sits with its third place ACCAL Powerhouse division finish and 18-8 record as it awaits Sunday's North Coast Section seeding meeting where it will make its case for a Division 4 at-large bid.

SM will apply for one of approximately 12 at-large bids. Selection criteria include an NCS mandated winning record and/or a winning record against Division 4 foes.

According to SM coach Don Lawson, the Panthers should advance. "Our record should be good enough," he said. "From what I've been able to unearth, we're one of about 14-15 teams which are eligible to apply, and we've beaten some of those teams head to head."

One of the teams which will be applying is Piedmont, the ACCAL Powerhouse Division

fourth place team. In a matchup where playoff implications were clearly on the line, SM defeated Piedmont this past Friday 43-39, with Desirea English leading the scoring with 12 points, while senior Stacey Tousey contributed 11.

"We knew there were playoff ramifications on the line," Lawson said. "Now we can make the case that if it comes down to us or Piedmont that we should go to North Coast."

SM's bid for an automatic playoff berth, which accompanies winning the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League postseason playoffs, ended Tuesday night with a 42-26 loss to Holy Names. Spring Harris scored 13 points and grabbed seven rebounds for the Panthers who fell behind early and struggled offensively the entire game.

Against HN, in a game played

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Albany girls hoops looking to the future

By Jelani Harper

After everything was said and done, the Lady Cougars (6-17, 1-10 Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League) closed out their season the right way. Well, almost.

They played their final game of the season last Friday, and came within one point of getting their first real victory in league play (their lone win came on a forfeit against Richmond). Still, it was a great effort.

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Albany's Doris Mitchell gets a leg up on Piedmont defender Jeff Dicknell, but Cougars could not put this one away.

Jeff Lindquist

Cougars' hopes dry up in loss to Piedmont

By Jelani Harper

Well, at least it wasn't El Nino. Or the threatened cancellation of the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League playoffs, either. No, in the end it was plain old Piedmont that beat the Lady Cougars, and effectively brought Albany's soccer season to a close.

The Cougars can at least take some small consolation in that fact, seeing as they endured a turbulent season plagued by bad weather conditions and injuries. And endure the Cougars did until they fell, 3-1, last Friday to Piedmont in the semifinal round of the ACCAL finals.

But the Cougars have a lot to look back on with pride this past season: they finished third in league and demolished Salesian 5-1 in the opening round of the playoffs. And perhaps more importantly, for at least 15 minutes they looked to be moving past Piedmont into the ACCAL finals on the strength of Suzanna Martinez's second-half goal.

Martinez, the team captain, scored on a direct kick from nearly 35 yards out in practically the same spot she scored on a similar free

kick two weeks ago against De Anza. It was a beauty of a shot, dipping just underneath the cross bar into the back of the neck.

But then, apparently, the Cougars made Piedmont mad. Piedmont's players noticeably picked up their pace, taking more and more frequent outside shots and testing the durability of Cougar keeper Elizabeth Watty.

First they scored on a cross from the left wing, then roughly 10 minutes later midfielder Courtney Linden scored on a ball that had rebounded off of Watty. The corner kick goal two minutes later was merely the icing on the cake.

"I think my team performed well, there was equal dominance in the first half, but we didn't capitalize on our opportunities in front of the goal in the second half," coach Julie Gall said. "Mentally I think we kind of fell out of the game."

"But we had a very positive season this year," she continued. "I think we made a lot of progress and Albany should have a very strong team next year, there's plenty of strong young talent."

Soccer brawl penalty up to league principals

By Jelani Harper

During this today's Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League principal's meeting preliminary discussion will be held to decide what disciplinary action will be taken following a fight between Albany and Richmond's girls' soccer teams on February 13.

Both sides have taken statements from parents and players who were at the game regarding the altercation, and Albany principal Lois Woods-Green will take these as well as a letter of her own seeking disciplinary measures to the meeting.

"Because Richmond was out on winter break last week I hadn't talked to their principal until last Monday, and they obviously have a different point of view about what happened," she remarked. "At this point it's uncertain whether this will be resolved by the ACCAL or North Coast Section."

According to Richmond coach Gonzalo Aguilera, a fight broke out late in the second half between a Richmond and Albany

player while he was tending to his goalkeeper. Aguilera claims he ran onto the field to separate the two players, at which point both benches cleared.

Richmond school district police filed a report on the incident, and according to special assistant to the superintendent officer Sylvester Greenwood, Albany's coach Julie Gall began spraying Richmond players with pepper spray.

"Albany's coach declared she was a police officer, and began spraying Richmond players with mace," he said. "I found it ironic that she was only spraying our kids (if she was trying to stop the fight). So then Richmond's parents came in to try to break things up, but the damage was already done — six kids had been sprayed."

Gall decline to comment on the altercation following the Richmond game, saying she did not want to involve her players any further in the matter.

According to an Albany Police blotter appearing in last

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Jackets' -style best for BHS soccer

Jelani Harper

the Yellowjackets entered the North Coast Section boys' soccer playoffs, they best be remembering who they are.

That type of soccer team they have. Because if they have more memory lapses the way they did against Castro Valley in the opener last Monday, they won't get another chance to prove themselves.

On the night, the Jackets dusted Castro Valley 3-1 to be in fact, the first half they looked like the team that had been the surprise of the East Bay League. There they were, a ball control type team, trying to out-kick and out-run a low

skill level team in Castro Valley.

And it just wasn't working. The Jackets fell behind a mere five minutes into the game when Castro Valley scored on a corner kick. The Jackets managed to battle their way back and level the score at halftime on a direct kick from team captain Gabe Clark, but they looked visibly uncomfortable trading long balls with Castro Valley.

"We fell into the trap of trying to play their game," explained Jacket coach Eugenio Juarez. "We were trying to force balls in the air and that was a big mistake. At half time I told the kids to calm down, and reminded them we have to control the ball and stay disciplined."

What a difference a coach makes. The Jackets took heed of Juarez's

advice and reaped the results almost instantly. They began controlling the ball out of their back field, building up through the middle with wall passes and working their way down the wings.

And then it happened. Within nearly 10 minutes left to play junior Ranvir Singh collected a loose ball up front, beat two defenders and slipped the ball past the keeper to break the game wide open. Six minutes later he crossed the ball to his twin brother, Satvir Singh, who scored from six yards out to ice the game.

They were scheduled to face Logan Wednesday night. When asked what he knew about Logan, Juarez responded, "I heard they play a lot like us."

EC hits Deer Valley in NCS loss

By Jeff Sepulveda

It was ecstasy and agony week for the El Cerrito boys' soccer team. The Gauchos beat Piedmont and St. Joseph in two Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League playoff games and claimed the abbreviated postseason championship. Their reward was an automatic bid into the North Coast Section playoffs.

Celebrations didn't last long, however, as EC dropped a 1-0 decision to Deer Valley Monday night at Diablo Valley College to end the season.

"It was a tough game," said EC coach Fred Gonzalez. "We

had a lot of chances to score, but we couldn't convert. We controlled the ball most of the first half, and we played very well defensively."

Deer Valley scored the game's only goal midway through the second half on a header from a sideline throw in. "We had everybody matched up, but a guy got free," lamented Gonzalez. "Deer Valley had a good defense, and we just made one little mistake."

Overall, EC sparkled on defense. Sweeper Brad Moschetti and stopper Steve Christiansen prevented goalkeeper Paul De Lumen from facing too many

shots. EC outshot the Wolverines 12-8.

After the game, Gonzalez was philosophical. "It's disappointing. We finished the playoffs exactly where we wanted to be. Our goal the whole season was get in the playoffs, win the playoffs, and go as far as we can in North Coast. With our nine seniors, I was hoping we could go a little further."

EC qualified for North Coast by virtue of beating St. Joseph to claim the postseason ACCAL championship 3-2 at home last Friday. EC, playing without star forward Keyshawn Fielder who

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EC

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hurt his knee in the playoff opener against Piedmont, got two quick goals from Rigoberto Andrade and Danny Ursini.

Steve Christiansen scored midway through the second half to put EC ahead 3-0 before St. Joe launched a serious comeback attempt. St. Joe scored twice in a three minute span late in the game to strike fear into the hearts of EC fans, but the Gauchos defense held on for the victory.

"The last 10 minutes were pretty intense," said Gonzalez.

EC advanced to play St. Joe for the ACCAL postseason title by taking on Piedmont last Wednesday at home and winning 2-1.

Alex Dragos scored a first half goal on an assist by Danny Ursini to give EC a 1-0 lead. EC struck again just after halftime, this time Ursini did the honors assisted by Dragos.

According to EC coach Fred Gonzalez, the key to the victory was strong defensive and midfield play. "Danny Ursini and Matthew Kucera really played well at midfield. They controlled the ball and that was the key to the game."

Sweeper Brad Moschetti and stopper Steve Christiansen, as well as goalkeeper Paul De Lumen also stood out on the defensive end.

EC avenged a 2-1 loss to the Highlanders earlier in the season to advance to the postseason finale against St. Joe.

EC placed four seniors on the first team All-ACCAL honor roll: Danny Ursini, Steve Christiansen, Paul DeLumen, and Keyshawn Fielder. Senior Rigo Andrade and junior Brad Moschetti received Honorable Mention All-ACCAL honors.

"We had a great effort from the kids throughout the year," said Gonzalez. "It's a really great feeling to set goals and then accomplish them."

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NCS regulations mandate that teams must have a record of .500 or better to participate in the tournament, and according to Jacket coach Gene Nakamura only Monte Vista, Campolindo and Pinole Valley have such records. Campolindo is the only team the Jackets haven't played; in December they blew past Pinole, 72-39.

So once again, the Jackets look to have a clear path to the state championships. Monte Vista could possibly pose a challenge to the Jackets in the NCS; they barely beat them by three in the season opener, but that was their first game in two weeks and they were playing in front of a pro-Mustang crowd in San Ramon.

When the Jackets played them three weeks ago at home, they beat them by a good 15 points.

The Jackets employ a fast paced run n' gun offense, with quick outlet passes and lots of open floor running.

But their defense is what sees them through the tough games; they apply a full court man-to-man press which few teams can handle for 40 minutes.

Berkeley is led by junior point guard Coriel Davis (who's started three years consecutively) and sophomore forward Aisha Hollans, who by week's end was averaging nearly 22 points per game. Senior Latifa Lewis holds things together in the middle, and Allison Nowak and Erica McGlaston complete the Jacket's line-up.

If their last game is any indication of how well prepared the Jackets are for the playoffs, then their EBAL competition best to beware. Last Friday the Jackets romped past California, 101-43, without even trying.

"We broke a hundred the last time we played them also, and we tried not to," explained Nakamura. "We played a two-three zone and let California shoot the whole second half, and we still kept scoring."

Their impending playoff competition may not be that easy, but the Jacket might have to wait until state to have a tough game.

Waiting

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at Alameda High due to HN's difficulty in securing a place to play home games, the Panthers fell behind 11-8 after one quarter, then fell apart offensively in the second quarter, failing to score a single point.

HN also struggled offensively, managing only four points itself while limping to a 15-8 halftime lead.

According to Lawson, the second quarter scoring drought was due to "sloppiness on our part. Our shooting wasn't good, but we only got seven shots in the quarter."

HN extended the lead in the second half, outscoring the Panthers 15-8 in the third quarter to extend the lead to 14 points.

SM's offense picked up a bit in the second half, but not enough

to cut into the HN lead.

HN advanced to the Powerhouse title game on Friday night.

SM forward Spring received All-ACCAL honors. Desirea Ennis named honorable ACCAL.

SM boys co-title

On the boys side, SM clinched a tie for first place St. Elizabeth at 6-5. The Panthers while Kellen Dixon advanced.

SM gained the top ACCAL Powerhouse postseason playoff and playoff berth by winning St. Elizabeth during the season.

The SM boys were set to host Kennedy Wednesday night and would host on Saturday if advancing.

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Spoiler

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...it was their best game of the season," exclaimed Cougar Doug Kagawa. "Everything we wanted to do worked out. We had a lot of cooperation from the Salesian."

...willingly, of course. Thanks to the Cougars, Salesian will now be able to play St. Elizabeth on the sidelines of Kennedy at home in the opening round of the ACCAL playoffs. Salesian pressed the Cougars down to the wire, and they barely held on at the end of the game. The lead, they made a furious comeback at the last minute and a 10-9 victory was the result. "Jamal got a couple of three pointers in the last minute, and they got a last look at it with six seconds to go. They brought the ball all the way up the floor, and guard Kevin White fired from the corner but just missed at the

...this is not to suggest that the Cougars won by happenstance. They executed their game plan to perfection. We were concentrating on getting many if not more free throws

than the other team, and we were able to accomplish that," Kagawa said. "We shot 10 out of 19 and they shot 9 out of 18. So we kind of changed our emphasis on where we were getting our shots from this game. Instead of relying on the three, we jammed it inside a little more."

The Cougars were led by their three seniors, Greg Thornton, Billy Zeier and Guthrie Fleischman who gave an inspired performance in their final game. Thornton collected 21 points and 10 boards, Fleischman finished with nine points and four steals, and Zeier totaled seven points, nine boards and several key assists to Thornton in the game's final minutes.

"In terms of their performance on the court, their enthusiasm and their loyalty to the program, my players gave a hundred percent," said Kagawa. "They were fun to work with, they gave everything they had, and they showed up to every practice, which is tough to do when you're not winning a lot of games."

Brawl

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week's Journal, Richmond police then escorted the Cougar soccer team to Golden Gate Fields, at which point

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fort for the Cougars, and the closest they came to winning in the ACCAL.

"The Lady Cougars ended the 97-98 season on a high note, with the last game of the season being dedicated to seniors Janet Bower and Miya Yamamoto," said Cougar coach Al Baker. "Despite losing the varsity contest in the final seconds, 45-44, we played hard and displayed good teamwork."

Kimbra Baker led the team with 13 points and 10 rebounds. It was a struggle of a season for the Cougars, who found themselves without a coach midway through the season when former varsity coach Sabrina Nagel resigned suddenly due to personal problems. Baker, who was the junior varsity coach at the time, stepped in and picked up the reins.

But the Cougars are looking to the future, and it promises to be a bright one. They'll have 10 returning seniors on the squad, and will

have a brand new coach in Richard Thompson, who is a special education instructor at the school. "Richard's looking forward to creating a program for success," remarked Baker.

The real story for the Cougars this year, however, was the success of their JV team, which finished 13-5 overall. The team was comprised primarily of freshmen, the most noticeable of which was Allison West who averaged 17 points and 16 rebounds a game. West will almost certainly move up to varsity, which will be Baker's loss and Thompson's gain (since Baker will still coach JV).

"Allison was the catalyst of the JV team so it's going to be hard to replace her, but varsity should be the main focus anyway," said Baker. "So we'll have 10 returning seniors, and with Allison that will be 11, and we hope to possibly to recruit another player."

If they do and Thompson can indeed institute a bona fide program, the Cougars may very well be contenders next year.

Fluke

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for 10 of his game high 23 points.

The only good shots EC got during the Pilots run were the ones straight into its foot. The Gauchos were scoreless during the last six minutes of the game, including missing two frontends of one-and-one opportunities.

The road through St. Joseph doesn't get any easier this time around. The Pilots are approaching full strength for the first time this season, having battled injuries and suspensions and defections all season.

EC caught St. Joe at its weakest earlier this year, as stars Nate Murase and Blandon Ferguson as well as 6-10 Hondre Brewer were not dressed for the game. Both Murase and Brewer figure to be available, though Brewer has yet to have much of an impact this season after recovering from an injured foot. Ferguson may also be ready to return from a broken finger injury.

If EC Coach Chris Huber had his way, the Gauchos would play ex-

actly the same way they did for three quarters against St. Joe in their previous meeting. "We hope to duplicate what we did," he said. "I wouldn't change a thing, except for the outcome, of course."

The winner of the St. Joseph-EC game would be scheduled to play on Saturday against the winner of De Anza-Richmond game.

EC girls finish up

On the girls' side, EC completed its season with a 69-33 first round playoff loss at Alameda. Raina Dyer led the Gauchos with 14 points. Tameika Nesbitt chipped in six points and Maisha Amie had five.

The EC girls finished with a 6-19 record, which is not good, by any stretch, but an improvement over last year's 3-22 mark. "We've made a big improvement," said EC coach Donna Wood, who announced after the game that she would be moving to Michigan and not coaching at EC next season. "We played together and with a lot of heart."

Senior Raina Dyer, named to the All-ACCAL first team was wistful after playing her final game: "I'm kind of sad," she said. "I wish I was playing another game. We've improved tremendously. We've been working together in everything."

Junior Maisha Amie was singled out for honorable mention All-ACCAL honors.

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Performances will present the debut of one of the most admired singer-songwriters to emerge in recent years, tenor Ian Bostridge, at 3 p.m. on March 1 in Hertz Hall. His March 1 program with pianist Schumann program with pianist Schumann will feature music from the composer's collaboration with librettist Heine: *Liederkreis*, Opus 24, 1-9; *Belsazar*, Opus 57; four songs, *Mein Angesicht*, Opus 127, No. 2, *Meine Wangen*, Opus 142, No. 2, *Mein Wagen rollet langsam*, Opus 142, No. 4; and *Dichterliebe*, Opus 1-16 (1840).



Tenor Ian Bostridge.

Tickets are \$24 and are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at 642-9988 to charge by phone; and at the door. Tickets are also available through all BASS outlets, and through BASS tickets at 762-BASS, and the BASS Arts Line at (415) 849-1999. Half-price tickets are available for purchase by UC Berkeley students; and UC faculty and staff, senior citizens and other patrons receive a \$2 discount. Details: 642-9988.

White Elephant days

You can learn about the California Gold Rush at the Oakland Museum and you can also strike your own rummage gold at the museum's annual White Elephant Sale, undeniably the biggest and most rummage sale in the best half of the state. The sale, 19 departments and small bargain items in all, is Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8 in the warehouse at 333 Lancaster St. in Oakland, half mile from the Fruitvale BART station. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Details: 536-6800.



Clairdee has twice won the San Francisco Bay Area Gold Award for Outstanding Female Jazz/Blues Vocalist. She performs with the CCC Band on Sundays at 8:30 p.m. through March, except March 8. She will be performing in Paris, France. Tickets: At the door \$10/advance. Details: 848-2009.

CCC Big Band with vocalist Clairdee

Celebrating the release of her debut CD, "Plugged In," jazz and blues vocalist Clairdee's engagement at Mr. E's, 2286 Shattuck Ave., has been extended through March. Performing with the award-winning Contra Costa College Big Band, the Sunday night performances have attracted aficionados of "Straight Ahead, Hard Swinging and Contemporary big band stylings."

Havdalah Beneath the Stars

With 1,000 Bay Area Jews to welcome the new week, Havdalah Beneath the Stars will be held at the Lawrence Hall of Science, Berkeley, Saturday Feb. 28 from 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. Following the Havdalah service (sign interpreted for the hearing impaired), enjoy a dance festival, Jewish Jeopardy quiz game, arts and crafts projects, discussions on Judaism and cosmology, Israeli dancing with telescopes, Israeli disco (with a DJ), and museum exhibits. Tickets, \$7 adults, \$5 ages three - 18. Call 839-2900, extension 330 for information.

Conjunto Céspedes

Conjunto Céspedes returns with their new recording "Bobi" on Saturday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m. at the Berkeley Opera House. The new recording features the voice of Bobi Céspedes, Conjunto Céspedes' lead singer. The roots of Afro-Cuban music in an evening of danceable and uplifting music.



Conjunto Céspedes.

The 12-piece ensemble, founded in 1981 by Cuban composer, storyteller, and singer Gladys "Bobi" Céspedes, and their leader, Guillermo Céspedes. With lyrics sung in Spanish, and Yoruban and West African languages, this fiery music is driven by a full complement of polyrhythmic Latin percussion — congas, timbales, batá, chekere, guiro — and its passionate, folkloric sounds is universally loved as the root of modern mambo and salsa, as well as, rumba, and son. Conjunto Céspedes has graced the Bay Area as a featured performer of the Afro-Cuban musical form known as son—the music that was born when the guitars of Spain and the drums of Africa met on the island of Cuba. Tickets are \$10. Details: 849-2568.

Luisa Miller

The Berkeley Opera performs "Luisa Miller," the story of a young woman, a poor girl, a member of the Swiss aristocracy, through March 8 (in Italian with English subtitles). Tickets: \$22 general; \$22 seniors; \$15 students. Feb. 28, March 6 and 7, 8 p.m.; March 1 and 2, 2 p.m. Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Details: 798-1300.



Silence of the Night

Con Vivo's "Come To Me in the Silence of the Night," a performance of chamber choir music by Strauss, Raminsh, Surinach,

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Rambert Dance Company returns

By Carol Egan

This weekend marks the return to the Bay Area of the Rambert Dance Company, Britain's oldest dance group and one that has served as a showcase for several of the world's great choreographers, including Antony Tudor, Frederick Ashton, and Agnes de Mille.

Last seen here as one of the highlights of the 1995 United We Dance Festival presented at the War Memorial Opera House in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, this time the Rambert company will visit the East Bay, bringing a program of three works to Zellerbach Hall Friday and Saturday nights. The program includes two ballets by current artistic director, Christopher Bruce ("Swansong," a 1987 ballet choreographed to a percussion score by Philip Chambon, and the 1991 "Rooster," set to a medley of Rolling Stones songs) plus Israeli choreographer Ohad Naharin's "Axioma 7," set to Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 4.

Founded in 1926 by Polish-born Marie Rambert, the group was first known as the Marie Rambert Dancers. Soon thereafter it was renamed Ballet Club, and later still, Ballet Rambert. The guiding principle behind Rambert's vision from the beginning was to encourage new works by young, up-and-coming choreographers. This goal was realized quite early on with her discovery of the choreographic genius of her student Antony Tudor, whose seminal works, "Lilac Garden" and "Dark Elegies," were created for Rambert in 1936 and 1937 respectively.



Rambert Dance Company, England's flagship troupe, comes to Zellerbach Hall on Friday and Saturday.

Rambert's philosophy came naturally following her years of experience working with Serge Diaghilev and his Ballets Russes. Originally hired by Diaghilev to assist Nijinsky on "Le Sacre du Printemps" in 1913 (Rambert's training in Dalcroze Eurhythmics enabled her to hear and understand the complex rhythmic patterns Stravinsky had created), Rambert spent many years dancing in the corps de ballet and training under

the company's great Italian classical ballet master, Enrico Cecchetti. While Diaghilev was known for his avant-gardism, presenting the newest and most daring in dance, design, and music to an international cultural community, Cecchetti was the keeper of the flame of a pure classical style of dancing. From the start Rambert claimed her young company should "serve the twin purposes of tradition and experiment."

Soon after she married and settled in England in 1918, Rambert opened a school. Along with Ninette de Valois, the founder of the Sadler's Wells, later Royal, Ballet, Marie Rambert helped develop ballet in England. Because her pupils showed the ability to capture the differing styles of choreographers such as Petipa, Fokine, and Nijinsky, the quality of her revivals of ballets such as "Les Sylphides," "Aurora's Wedding," and "Afternoon of a Faun" attracted critical praise and the attention of a ballet audience which had been educated by Diaghilev's Ballets Russes and touring artists such as Anna Pavlova.

As modern dance took a stronger

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Driving force behind Jewish Music Festival

Organizing as a way of life

By Carol Egan

When the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center's 13th annual Jewish Music Festival begins March 1, founder and curator Ursula Sherman will be proudly standing by, watching as the most ambitious festival to date takes place in three counties of the Bay Area.

The energetic Sherman beams with pride when she mentions the variety and range of music presented on festivals over the years: everything from Sephardic music, to Klezmer, to music of the Renaissance. This year, for the first time, a professional producer, Laura Sheppard, was hired to oversee the events. Although Sherman is still heavily involved in the planning and organization of this year's festival, she looks forward to it becoming more and

more professional. "We need to move into year-round planning. It's gotten too big." Like a mother who looks proudly on as her children begin to make a life of their own, she views this growth and development as a healthy one and foresees a time when it will be taken out of the hands of volunteers altogether. "I would like new management. I would like someone else to take it on and love it."

Sherman, born in Germany and eventually relocated to New York during her early teens, is a born organizer dedicated to "changing the world a little bit." As a refugee from Europe, she discovered very early on that "If you want to get to know a community, volunteer." Following her graduation from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where she completed a degree in American Institutions and received a teaching credential, she

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accepted a position as research analyst for the Nürnberg Trials, spending a year in Berlin painfully inspecting documents of lower level Nazis. After another year in Paris and a failed attempt to write a book, she returned to the States and went back to school to pursue a degree in Library Science from Columbia University.

For several years she worked as a librarian at the New York Public Library. During that time she married and had two children and eventually the family moved to California where she devoted the first few years to raising her family. All the while, however, she was involved with the community. "I like organizations and I like to help



Ursula Sherman

get things started." While volunteering at her children's nursery school, she participated in a successful landmark case regarding taxation of non-profits.

During the 1960s, when her children were in the Berkeley public schools, Sherman became involved with the issues of school busing and integration. Through the PTA she, along with Frances Berges and other

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New production of 'Raisin in the Sun' opening

Exploring the life of Lorraine Hansberry

A chat with Lorraine Hansberry biographer Dr. Margaret B. Wilkerson, chair of the Department of Dramatic Art, founder of the Black Theater Workshop, on the eve of a new production of "A Raisin In The Sun."

By Wanda Sabir

Playwright Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" was an overwhelming success forty years ago for many reasons—an important one was the fact that it gave Americans an up-close and personal view of black family life that had been absent prior to then. The Supreme Court had ordered the desegregation of the schools, blacks were migrating north, and the physical, if not socio-economic distance between blacks and whites was narrowing, causing much confusion among the Northern city dwellers. RIS offered a fresh perspective on the issues of the day.

Opening at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre on March 11, 1959, RIS not only ran 530 performances on Broadway, it was chosen "Best Play of the Season," by the New York Drama Critics Circle. Who was this new voice on the horizon and why was her first play so successful?

MW: "Lorraine Hansberry was a fascinating person and an extraordinary writer. I think one of the reasons RIS holds it that it's a well-written play. Her play *Les Blancs* which is set in Africa during an African revolution has just been done at Center Stage back east, and it's being done at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Her works have not just disappeared. They

keep coming back to us, so she is a very fine writer as well. When LH died at 34 from cancer, "The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window" was running on Broadway. Very different from RIS, SISBW had one black character in it, and a Jewish protagonist. It's a very good play, a play that essentially calls on intellectuals to be involved and active. In those years, intellectuals were saying 'we've got the atomic bomb etc., there is nothing I can do to affect the world.' LH was saying to them: 'Yes, you can do something.' I hope we will do some excerpts from that in the stage readings in the black theater workshop at the end of the semester in April 30-May 1.

"Early on, LH felt a kind of envy of working class kids. She felt they were independent, more defiant. They were latchkey kids, so they could go home and nobody was there to do anything—when LH went home her mom was home. There was a snack on the table, and they had some servants that helped.

"So as an African American Hansberry had a range of experiences. All the black people in Chicago lived in what was known as Brownsville, and as a very young child Hansberry met all kinds of people because those were the people who rented her father's apartments—the kitchenette apartments like the one you see in RIS. At a very early age, Hansberry began to see the world in a different way and that's what moved her towards socialism, communism, the sharing of the wealth kinds of principals and ideas. So when she went to NY, (after convincing her mother that she'd learned all she could at the

University of Wisconsin), it was a kind of getting out from under the family—but what she took from the family were pride in the race, belief that you could do anything you really set your mind to, etc. So even though she never got a college degree—two years of college at the University of Wisconsin—Hansberry was a highly principled woman.

"In New York, those young people discussed art, went to see things, and created art. It was the most ideal kind of creative environment without those crazy requirements. All of her life she was an inquiring person. I had a chance to look at her library. She read widely and avidly. She carried on conversations with these books. She didn't just take them all in, she critiqued them at the same time—she had a very lively mind—and on top of all that, she was a woman, so she had all of those conflicting expectations of her—when are you going to get married, etc.? But marriage meant, in a way, a kind of restriction for this period for women in the '50s. 'Bring the women home from working in defense (World War II) so that the men can get the jobs.' The women, in a sense, were forced back into the homes. A whole lot of sociological things happened that placed women in the home, and white women in the suburbs away from the center of activity in cities. So a lot of things were going on that would tend to constrict an independent woman like LH. So she pushed against that.

In New York, LH was a part of the Young Progressives Association at Wisconsin which was a left organization and the Labor Youth League. She was active in that in Chicago and



Dr. Margaret B. Wilkerson

her mother forbade go to the rallies—She said, "I think my mother and my sister feared that they're going to find me nailed to a wall with a hammer and a sickle stamped on my forehead." There was a lot of anti-Communist sentiments in those years. At Madison she had joined the Communist party, but she left it when the Soviet Union invaded Hungary, a lot of American people left the party then also. LH was never a doctrinaire—it was always the larger ideas, the philosophical ideas that appealed to her. A lot of American communists, like LH, were working within the democratic framework of the United States.

"Lorraine Hansberry is important to American theatre for the impact RIS has on young writers, particularly young black writers but white writers as well. They saw that a woman who had this kind of voice

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Vaughan Williams and Hopkins, as well as British folk songs, is March 6 at 8 p.m. at First Congregational Church, Dana Street and Channing Way, Berkeley. Tickets: \$12 general; \$8 seniors and students; free age 18 and under. Details: 283-9118.

OEB premieres Dzubay work

Michael Morgan conducts the Oakland/East Bay Symphony in a performance featuring the premiere of David Dzubay's "Symphony No. 1" and other works (featured artist: clarinetist Steve Sanchez) on Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium, 403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Details: 620-6792. Tickets: \$11 to \$38.

Concerto Audition winners

On Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. the University Symphony Orchestra, David Milnes conducting, will feature winners of the 1998 Concerto Auditions: Tania Simoncelli, cello, and Hyuni Michelle Kim, violin.

On Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. the orchestra will feature Concerto Audition winner Christopher Guerriero.

Performances are at Hertz Hall, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, and tickets either day are \$4 to \$8. Details: 642-9988.

Painting exhibition

Sticks Gallery, 1529 Solano Ave., presents paintings by Tony Coleman and Shirley Carter tomorrow through March 26. Details: 526-6603.

Boogie at Brennan's

Brennan's has live R&B music and dancing every Friday and Saturday night. Tomorrow its GTS on stage, while Saturday features Rat Band Reunion. Details: 841-0960.

J. California Cooper

Acclaimed author and playwright J. California Cooper appears at the Richmond Public Library, 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, in the Madeline F. Whittlesey Community Room on Thursday, March 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. She will read from her works and sign books. The event is free and there will be refreshments. Donations for this program were made available by The Friends of the Richmond Public Library and LEAP. Cooper's first collection of short stories, "A Piece of Mind", was published by Wild Trees Press—a publishing company set up by novelist Alice Walker. A common theme in Cooper's writings is women's search for love. Others include old-fashioned common sense and Christian morality delivered in a narrative monologue style. Details: 620-6561.

Fun at Tilden

Upcoming events at Tilden Regional Park:

• "Slugland Slog: Tales of the Packrat Trail," March 1, 10 a.m. An easy stroll along a muddy trail in search of tracks and signs of animals and birds. Meet at the EEC.

• "On the Bluebird Trail," March 7, 2 p.m. A sometimes rough, 3.5-mile hike up and over Wildcat Peak. For age 9 and older.

• "Tales Along a New Route," March 8, 10 a.m. A stroll through the eucalyptus woodlands and flooded roadsides in search of amphibians. Details: 525-2233.

Rambert

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hold in Britain, the Rambert company began to reflect this interest by incorporating more and more modern works into its repertoire. In 1966 Rambert decided to abandon classical repertoire altogether, although the dancers at the school and in the company continue to train in both styles. In 1987 the company was renamed Rambert Dance Company to reflect its new identity. Rambert's comment, in a 1960 televised BBC program, that her company should be regarded as the equivalent, in the

ballet world, of the Tate Gallery, as compared to the Royal Ballet's National Gallery, is accurate and illuminating.

Although the company suffered a low period following Rambert's death in 1982, under Christopher Bruce's artistic direction it has risen once again to become, as New York Times dance critic Anna Kisselgoff claimed after its triumphant return to New York in 1996, a "clearly revitalized company that had found its center."

Christopher Bruce took his first ballet class with Ballet Rambert in 1959, at the tender age of 13. Four years later he joined the company and went on to become one of the most

celebrated dancers and choreographers of the 1960s and '70s. He was also the last choreographer to be cultivated by Rambert. He served as associate choreographer of the English National Ballet from 1986-1991 and has been resident choreographer of the Houston Ballet since 1989. His appointment as Artistic Director of Rambert Dance in 1994 heralded the rejuvenation of the company. Gambling on thinking big, despite grave financial problems, Bruce has managed to bring the company to a new level with a world-class status.

Bruce's ballets combine classical and contemporary movement and are often dramatic and expressive, a de-

scription of his own work as a dancer as well. His "Point of View" was one of the productions of the United We Dance 1995, and the San Francisco Ballet's 1997 production of the ballet "Sergeant Early" was formed to traditional Irish can folk music, providing a rare occasion for the Balletomanes and other persuasions can look for other glimpses at the talented Christopher Bruce and his Rambert Company this Friday night at 8 p.m. at Zellerbach Hall, 9988 or BASS at 762-8444 for reservations.

Festival

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parent volunteers, organized a chorus from five schools. For two years nearly 50 students participated in the after school program, giving sell-out concerts at Columbus and Oxford Schools. Her own Oxford PTA also organized a parent-busing event to dispel family members' fears about the newly instituted transportation system. "It made it a little less scary for them," she says.

Once her daughters were old enough, Sherman returned to work as a librarian, eventually becoming a part-time Visiting Lecturer at UC Berkeley's School of Library Services where she taught courses on Children's Literature. During those years she helped start a number of organizations.

As early as 1971 some members of the local Jewish community were looking for a space to hold events. Since all the synagogues were completely booked, they finally located a storefront at the former Co-op on Shattuck Avenue. In 1981, after a year at the Co-op, they moved to their current headquarters on Walnut Street, at first as tenants. Eventually the rapidly expanding Jewish Community Center purchased the building. Sherman has served on the board of the Berkeley Richmond JCC since its founding.

Concurrent with her activities for the BRJCC, Sherman also became involved, again as a volunteer and board member, with the Hillel Street Work Project, a support service for the homeless and hungry. Although the original founders had hoped to

see the need for such services decrease in several years time, the opposite has, unfortunately, been the case. Though the organization has undergone several name changes, its purpose remains the same. It is now considered a model agency for community organizations and Sherman is happily still serving on its board.

Thirteen years ago a staff member of the Jewish Community Center read about a grant being offered by the National Endowment for the Arts. She wanted to present a folk music festival and appointed Sherman to organize it. The Center received a grant to bring unusual and rarely heard music to the Bay Area, a goal the festival continues to have. The first year it was a modest one and a half day event with an emphasis on educational outreach. Over the years the festival has grown so that this year's events take place over a one-week period and can be found at venues in Marin County, San Francisco, and Berkeley. The two hundred seat auditorium at the JCC no longer suffices for most festival events.

This year's exciting lineup includes a concert by the Ensemble Parnassus featuring works by Salomone Rossi, an Italian Jewish composer (1570-1628), court composer of Mantua and contemporary of Claudio Monteverdi. The program features madrigals, sonatas, liturgical compositions, and dance music. The latter will be performed by members of Dance Through Time and choreographed by internationally known Baroque and Renaissance Dance expert, Angene Feves. The



The San Francisco Klezmer Experience plays March 5 at Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center.

program will open and close the festival with performances Sunday, March 1 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 7:30 p.m., and on March 8 at Congregation Emanuel in San Francisco, 3 p.m.

On Monday, March 2 at Theatre on the Square in San Francisco and March 3 at Berkeley's Freight and Salvage, Eleanor Reissa, singer, actress, and Tony-nominated Broadway director, will perform Yiddish ballads and music of Jewish-American composers in an evening called "From Bilgory to Brooklyn to Broadway: Yiddish Music with Eleanor Reissa."

Special performances for seniors and children will be presented by Los Angeles songwriter, Robbo, on Wednesday, March 4 at 12:30 p.m. (Oakland Senior Center), with a Children's Concert taking place that same day at 6 p.m. at the BRJCC, and

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anti-war activist approached a group and ... them a leaflet protesting against American ... toward Iraq. "There are women and chil- ... in Baghdad!" she said. ... they replied, "we're against starvation ... and children, too. But this starvation is ... right here in America."

... were members of a group called About- ... and they were putting up posters that feature ... of an animal crackers box. Except the ... behind the bars aren't lions and tigers ... they're supermodels like Nikki Taylor ... Banks and Eva Herzigova.

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... nuts or what? It condemns 99 percent of ... women to hating their bodies. And it con- ... 99 percent of men to feeling disappointed ... their mates. If I were more paranoid, I'd say ... conspiracy to ruin all our sex lives. I mean, ... can you let it all hang out if you don't let it ... out?

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... what's the serious point. This is a sure-fire ... for anorexia and bulimia. Not coinciden- ... About-Face is timing its protest to coincide ... National Eating Disorders Week, which is ... week.

... I know what a lot of you guys are think- ... this must be sour grapes from be a bunch of ... man-hating women, right? ... bulimia-breath. I met up with them just ... they went out to put up the posters, and ... told me: They're all, as the kids say, total

... are tall, some are short. Some have body ... like Tara Lipinski and some have body ... like the Picabo Street. But they all look terrific, ... to this red-blooded American male. Maybe ... because they've learned to like their own

... me's nothing wrong with looking beauti- ... in Berkeley's Mifflin Leath. "We just need ... man one paradigm of beauty."

... she should know. She has a 13-year-old ... named Marcella who gets barraged with ... -beautiful propaganda every day in TV ... nials and teen magazines. (But so far ... seems to have resisted it; she's the ... member of About-Face.)

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... know that I've done my best to alleviate your ... about eating, let me hip you to a great new ... shop on Shattuck (near Delaware) called The ... Pastificio.

... way, it's been around since 1995, but it's But the owner isn't. His name is Eric ... , and he, his wife Carole and his Belgian ... -named, of course, Grandmère — were ... the original members of the collective that ... the Cheese Board, which, as you know, is my ... bakery (along with its sister store, ... and, on Lakeshore).

... split off in 1983 to found Semifreddi's, then ... Semifreddi's a few years later and I lost ... them. So imagine my pleasure when I was ... along Shattuck on Sunday and happened to ... the Phoenix Pastificio, and there was ... behind the counter.

... the two things really well: pasta and pastries. ... the pastries are Belgian specialties from ... 's family recipes. I'm especially addicted ... Belgian brownies and the almond macaroons, ... anything is wonderful.

... the pasta, don't take my word for it. Here's ... movement from God herself, Alice Waters: "A ... with the highest standards ... their pasta ... like they made it by hand, just for ... sez: Check it out. Bon appetit!

Science

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"The Dominant Use of Cerebral Hemispheres by Actors and Non-Actors." The Bill Tobin Award went to El Cerrito High 11th grader Hui Yu for "Yu's First Theorem."

A total of 130 awards were presented to the winners in Behavioral, Biological, Math/Computers and Physical Sciences. All first- and second-place winners are eligible to enter the 45th San Francisco Bay Area set for March 24 to 29 at the San Francisco County Fair Building (the Hall of Flowers) in Golden Gate Park.

Local winners

Kennedy High: Jackeline Ornelas (third, behavioral), Robert Balga (fourth, physical), John Martz (fourth, physical), Swati Ahluwalia (first, biology), Jennifer Claudio (second,

physical), Tonya Rosdaly (fourth, behavioral), Mayra Pastore (third, biology). **El Cerrito High:** Zion Young (first, math/computers Council of Industries Award), Vivian Wong (second, math/computers), Mikhail Afanasyev (first, physical), Hui Yu (first math/computers Bill Tobin Award), Scott Hayashida (second, physical), Sylvia Kim (third, physical), Wayne Chan (first, physical), Christine Louie (third, physical), Cindy H. Lu (second, physical). **Portola Middle:** Arran Blattel (second, behavioral), Kristin Nakamura

New signs mark Albany's border creeks

The next time you are traveling beneath the BART tracks on the Ohlone Greenway in Albany, take a minute to admire the handsome signs newly installed at Albany's border creeks, Cerrito (north) and Codornices (south). The signs, funded by the county Clean Water Program, were installed by the city last month. Together with

(second, math/computers), Lydia Chilton (second, physical American Association of Chemists Award), Shannon Davenport (fourth, physical), Rayan Steck-Bayat (fourth, physical). **Tehiyah Day:** Jessica Nagel (first, behavioral), Lara Walklet (second, behavioral), Shiri Weininger (second, behavioral), Rebecca Graff (first, biology Council of Industries Award), Aviad Pines (third, biology), Elan Ben-Oni (fourth, physical), Rafi Rosen (third, physical), Adam Schleffler (second, physical American Society for Quality).

stencils showing where the creeks pass beneath the Greenway, the signs remind residents of their natural environment. Assist the Friends of Five Creeks educational effort by joining them next Saturday, March 7 at 1 p.m. at Codornices Creek on the Ohlone Greenway to point the path of the creek below.

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fueled into Solano and bump pre-school improvements up a year.

The list of CDBG-eligible projects is a long and comprehensive one, running from homeless services to tree planting to sewer improvements and centers for seniors or youth. As the city, at present, has some \$17 million in unfunded capital needs, staff recommended the majority of funding go to capital projects, in particular the teen center, which city officials hope to move once a new middle school is built at the former Hill Lumber site.

Though a new location for the teen center has yet to be found, by allocating the money now the city will, according to City Administrator Daren Fields, be able to make the center a priority. Also, Fields said, the cost of the new center has yet to be worked out. ("(\$180,000) may be more than enough for the teen center, it may not be enough for the teen center," he said, adding that, if the funding is not enough, it will at least help the city toward its goal.

According to Leah Smalley, the city's teen coordinator, the center, located just to the west of the middle school, began by serving approximately eight youths a day, a number that grew to as many as 60 last year. With numerous events, such as a re-

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interests of Albany residents."

As part of what could turn out to be a growing movement against investing public funds in tobacco companies and environmental polluters, Mast proposed a four-fold plan of action. Among his requests: drafting a resolution urging the state to divest its pension funds from tobacco companies, drafting another resolution urging the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) to similarly divest itself from tobacco, environmental polluters and companies that promote sweat shop labor practices (according to Treasurer Kim Denton, LAIF does not invest in stocks), looking into "alternative investment opportunities" that provide the same return as LAIF, and joining with the recently-formed Elected Officials for Responsible Public Investment to promote such policies across the state.

Other councilmembers were a bit skeptical of the plan, however, although divesting from tobacco did receive some support from council members Peggy Thomsen and Jon Ely. For example: Ely was troubled with the term "sweatshop," asking if, say, Nike would be included. And as for Nigeria, a country whose leadership received some harsh words in a recent Los Angeles Times editorial, well, the council seemed a long, long way from addressing anything like that.

According to Mast, the issue of "socially responsible" investment was brought before the council in an effort to continue practices he has pursued in his personal life. "Public money should be invested in ways that promote the public good," Mast said, pointing out that the state of Massachusetts has already divested

itself from tobacco, and California could soon do so as well.

Though Mast's statement may seem a simple one, the subsequent discussion was not. How, for example, does one create an objective screening process, particularly in dealing with the environment and sweat shops? On hand to explain some of the possibilities was James Nixon, vice president of Progressive Asset Management, Inc., who said "socially responsible" investment can not only be done fairly easily, but can even, in the stock market, be more profitable as well.

"It is definitely possible to invest in a way that is both socially responsible but also competitive," Nixon said, pointing to the Domini 400 Social Index, a fund that has, over the past five years, outperformed Standard & Poor's 500. According to Nixon, the basis for any screening could be created to suit a jurisdiction's wishes (Albany does not invest in stocks, although its pension fund, controlled by the Pension Board, does). "I can't tell you what criteria to employ. You have to establish what that criteria is," Nixon said.

According to Nixon, the city of Oakland had, that same night, passed a resolution divesting itself of tobacco investments and urging the state to do the same (El Cerrito contemplated a similar move, which passed the following Monday). As discussion got underway in Albany, however, elements beyond tobacco grew murky: What about arms manufacturers? asked Ely. And, asked resident Dario Meniketti, what about companies that promote gambling?

Though the Domini 400 excludes companies that manufacture tobacco, alcohol and weapons or are involved

in gambling or nuclear power, the second-to-last criteria might be somewhat problematic for Albany. At present, the city receives significant revenues from the Golden Gate Fields Racetrack, and is currently fighting two lawsuits against a 150-table cardroom at the facility, which would bring in a guaranteed \$1.2 million a year in tax revenue.

After significant discussion of the above-mentioned issues, the council also heard a presentation by Tunde Okorodu, president of the Free Nigeria Movement, who compared the country's current leader to Idi Amin and Adolph Hitler. When discussion returned to council members, Thomsen would back nothing more than a request for more information, while Bob Good, Albany's "independent voice," rejected the plan entirely.

"I'm troubled by the philosophy behind this," Good said. "When we do this sort of thing we're telling some companies that what they're doing is legal, but we're going to punish them anyway, financially."

As for Nigeria, Good felt Albany was not ready to adopt a foreign policy. Ely then commented on Good's comment, saying he himself had a personal grudge against tobacco in that his father died of lung cancer. "We are trying to discourage a legal activity, but we do that all the time," Ely said.

In putting forth a motion for more information, Thomsen expressed some concern with the words "socially responsible," saying "I really don't care for those kinds of terms." The request for more information was passed by a 3-1 vote, with Good opposed and council member Elizabeth Baker absent.

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Bill Mann

Talking Talk Radio: "I don't really think my show has changed that much," said popular KGO Radio talk host Ronn Owens the other day at lunch, responding to criticism I'm hearing that schmoozmeister Owens' show now sounds "too L.A." Since he started his two-city experiment last July and began broadcasting every other week from L.A.'s KABC Radio, there have been some changes, some not that subtle, like more show-biz guests. Like fundamentalists and right-wing nuts calling in from Orange County.

And now, callers' home towns aren't being identified on the morning talk show. Isn't this to play down the traditional antipathy between the Bay Area and southern California? "That was my producer's idea at KABC, not mine," says Owens a bit defensively. "He says it makes the show sound more local." That is, if raving anti-Semites and pro-lifers calling abortion "murder" sounds "local" in the Bay Area.

"I wanted to take my shot," says Owens about the two-city experiment. "I wanted my turn at the plate. I've heard lots of radio talk hosts in my 29 years doing this," he explained, "and I know I'm better than most of them. I wanted and deserved a wider audience. Now I'm in the number two and four markets in the country."

So Owens now works on a five-year contract at KGO and a pair of two-and-a-half year deals at KABC. He's making "in the Pete Wilson range," an Owens reference to KRON anchor Wilson's reported \$650,000 salary. But the best money of all? "Cashing those bonus checks I get from KGO for beating Rush Limbaugh," Owens says. The worst part? "Having to be down in L.A. every other week. I miss my wife and two girls."

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: Last Sunday's "Simpsons" on Fox had one of the best bonehead lines — and one of the funniest bits — in the always-clever show's history. Bart: "What do I need new church shoes for? Jesus wore sandals." Homer: "If Jesus had better arch support, maybe they wouldn't have caught him." The parody of sport-utility vehicle commercials at show's end was as hilarious as it was skillfully done. I watched it several times, and especially liked Harry Shearer's subdued voiceover/disclaimer that "The Federal Highway Commission had determined this vehicle is unsuitable for city or highway driving." Sorry if you own one, but I'm fed up with these gas-guzzling monstrosities. On one trip down I-5 coming back from Oregon recently, I was passed in a driving rainstorm several times by SUV's doing well over 80 — and we've all read how stable these minitanks are. We're on the brink of war with Iraq, mainly over oil, and for what? Cheap gas to feed SUV's? ... Speaking of which, David Letterman says Bill Clinton was threatening to bomb Saddam Hussein because "he'll go after anything in a beret." The other reason: "To ensure a continuing supply of K-Y Jelly." ...

It's not an easy topic to deal with on newspaper comic pages — talented Canadian cartoonist Lynn Johnston's recent sensitive but mildly humorous panels about her mother dying. Mark Cohen, Santa Rosa-based cartoonist's agent, explains, "Lynn's real mother died three years ago, but she's changed syndicates and can now do strips about it." I recently visited Cohen's modest North Bay office, and was most impressed by the original cartoon artwork on his walls — everything from panels by Uncle Sam creator Thomas Nast to James Thurber and Charles Schulz originals to cartoons by Mad Magazine legend David Berg as well as original drawings by Cohen's buddy and Oakland cartoonist Morrie Turner of "Wee Pals" fame. In partnership with the cartoonists, Cohen sells original cartoon artwork — not copies, which strikes me as a better deal than investing in paintings, at prices around \$250. Panels like Johnston's "For Better or Worse," "Dondi," "Dick Tracy," "Beetle Bailey," New Yorker cartoons and "The Fusco Brothers." Cohen is about to donate some \$100,000 worth of his originals to Ohio State U's cartoon museum, and his comics-filled Web page is at www.markomc.com/ or call him at 707-528-3440. One cartoon he can't sell, Cohen says, is Scott Adams' funny, soon-to-be-a-TV series "Dilbert." Why not? "He does all his panels with a felt-tip pen, and they don't last," Cohen explains...

"The Young Kennedys," a new two-hour documentary airing at 6 and 9 Sunday night on The Learning Channel, sets out to be a sympathetic portrayal of the powerful but tragic and scandal-ridden political family. But by the end of the two hours, all the drug busts, sexual misdeeds, overdoses, and other assorted felonies documented on this report leads the viewer to the inescapable conclusion that this family — certainly its male members — is an unsavory lot ... Tom Selleck's new CBS series, "The Closer," is nothing special, nor is another CBS show that debuted this week, Ann-Margret's "Four Corners," aka "Viva Kitten With a Whip." Replacing KRON's Susan Blake on that station's early newscast is, no, not the overhyped Malou Nubla, but doe-eyed former Sacramento TV anchor Beth Ruayk who, for some reason, has shown up on NBC in recent years as a gymnastics commentator. Blake also came to KRON from Sacramento TV...

Annoying "Friends" costar David Schwimmer says his dreary series should get the coveted "Seinfeld" time slot Thursdays at 9 next fall, whining that "there's a lot of material we can't do at 8:00." But there's plenty of raunchy stuff "Friends" DOES do, material clearly inappropriate at that — or any other — hour. The classy "Frasier," and not the juvenile "Friends," should get the time spot ... USA Cable's massive hype campaign for its big-budget "Moby Dick" movie starring Patrick Stewart and Gregory Peck and airing next month rolls on: I'm getting daily faxes and expensive, glossy press kits. And just to remind us of the project's literary merit, USA now faxes critics "whalish trivia," including this illiterate-looking press release: "Did you know the whales' (sic) brain weights (sic) twenty pounds! It adds that the entire whale can "weight" from 60 to 70 tons. Let's weight and see if anyone watches.

Road

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rito creeks) and expansion of after school programs for kids 11 to 16 years old.

During the small group discussions which lasted about 40 minutes, the talk was frank and varied. Joan Carpenter, who grew up in El Cerrito, told the mayor that she likes and appreciates the neighborhood policing in her area of El Cerrito west of Interstate 80. But another person in the group said "I feel like we're forgotten on this strip." Most of the City is located east of the freeway, but there is a small island of El Cerrito on the west side of the interstate.

"Why don't we get The Journal?" asked Kara Anderson who lives west

of the freeway. Anderson also said she once made a non-emergency 911 call and was put on hold so long she finally hung up. "I said to myself, 'well I guess I'm not important enough,'" she told the group. But others said they appreciate the responsiveness of City Hall and Carpenter said: "When I call the City I always get an immediate response." The need for continued courteous, quick and competent answers to citizen concerns was a topic discussed and emphasized at the council workshop last week.

At the council study session this week people in the small groups also voiced concerns about topics ranging from poor street lighting to neighborhood speeding to the trash that col-

lects on Potrero Avenue under the Interstate 80 overpass. Several people asked why after school program expansion was listed as a secondary goal for 1998 while the soccer field is listed as a top priority. One father said after school programs available for younger kids is a top priority for him.

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Israel at 50 — 1948-1998

Gays in the military? Arabs and Jews together?

Dramatic vignettes show a contemporary side of the Middle East

By Marc Breindel

When Americans travel to the Holy Land, the last things most expect to find are hip little cafés and gay freedom parades. But, for those who think all Israelis stay home Friday nights praying, the new play "Words of his own" should prove enlightening.

Part of Hillel's "Israel at 50" series, "Words of his own" — in town for just one night at Berkeley Hillel on March 4, and performed in English — offers a series of dramatic, wryly humorous vignettes about contemporary gay life in Israel. Some of the pieces are culled from a popular column in a Tel Aviv weekly newspaper, and some are adapted from poems or short stories.

"You can taste the flavor of being in Israel," Producer Anula Shamir said, "but it's also completely universal."

Shamir discussed the play, and Israeli gay life, in a phone interview from Tel Aviv.

"I think it's getting better," Shamir said of her compatriots' acceptance of gays and lesbians, like herself. "They are relaxing up to a point, because in a way Israel's still a very macho place. But, it's really getting better."

For one thing, homosexual relations are legal in Israel, unlike in some parts of the U.S. Even in the army, Shamir said, gays and lesbians are nominally protected against discrimination.

One openly gay soldier who brought the subject into the realm of public discussion, Shamir said, was a high ranking medical officer who recently died of cancer. The man had been married to a woman, with whom he had a son, before "coming out" and starting a long-term relationship with another man. Now the courts are seriously weighing both the ex-wife's and the widowed partner's inheritance claims, suggesting the gay relationship has some recognized legal status.

Military themes permeate Israeli life, and the play, Shamir said. "It's because for a gay man in Israel, it's impossible to avoid the army thing. Almost every little vignette deals with the army in one way or another."

Perhaps the most obvious example, Shamir said, is a scene in which a gay Israeli Jew has a relationship (whether fantasy or "real" is not made clear) with an Israeli Druze comrade serving beside him in Lebanon. The threat of war, and



Words of his own' cast (from left): Zahi Grad, Hagai Ayad and Noam Meiri.

the ethnic division, only heighten the tension.

Of course, war remains on the periphery of Israeli life most of the time, and so it is with "Words." Characters spend more time avoiding social snubs than dodging bullets, it seems.

said. "It's like they're are calling him back to his lover."

Another light-but-serious segment has a closeted gay man confronting three "liberal" friends whose prejudice is so subtle, even they tend not to notice it

Transliterated into Hebrew, "gay" sounds like "pride." Thus, t-shirts sport an ambiguous slogan that means either "We're proud of Israel," or "We're gay Israelis."

One comic vignette has a happily paired-off man "accidentally" ending up on a blind date, of sorts, with someone new. As he cheats on his partner, he finds himself overwhelmed by Jewish guilt, and by the sound of his partner's voice ringing in his ears. "His guilt feelings are working overtime," Shamir

— until the protagonist reveals his own identity. "It's interesting... when you personalize the idea of a gay man," Shamir said.

Many Israelis gays are coming out these days, Shamir reported. Gay nightclubs are proliferating; gay parades are held annually; and gay rainbow

stickers, like the ones cut in the shape of the state and displayed on cars here, are in the form of Jewish stars in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, she said.

A linguistic coincidence has meaning to the word "gay" in Israel. It translated into Hebrew, "gay" closely resembles the word "pride." Thus, t-shirts sport an ambiguous slogan that means either "We're proud of Israel," or "We're gay Israelis."

Shamir and other gays got a kick out of the slogan celebrating the 50th anniversary taking place this year. "Israel is gay," says... "All the gays say, 'Okay,'" Shamir laughed.

Shamir has reason to be happy. She's about to take her cast on a tour, including next Wednesday's performance at Berkeley, and several more around the Bay Area. The group has already toured Europe.

Of course, the premiere destination for the players is San Francisco's Castro district. "The Castro is, in Israel, like a legend," Shamir said. "Let's go the Castro!" she says to her actors. "It's like a wonderland."

Shamir herself is happy to be returning to San Francisco. She lived there for many years, said, and has an ex-husband in the area.

Shamir also has a daughter, in Israel. She was concerned about leaving her behind when the Iraqi war seemed more likely in recent years. At the same time, she feared the tour would be canceled, a logistical disaster. She was relieved to hear the war might be averted.

Israelis learn to laugh at adversity, Shamir said, chuckles at the idea of planning a tour around a war. "You can wake up in the morning and the whole country can go into mourning for two or three days," Shamir said. "You have to be very flexible with your plans."

Berkeley presentation of "Words of his own" is sponsored by the Israel Project, the campaign of the Israel Center of the San Francisco Jewish Community Federation, the General Consulate of Israel, the Israel Center of the East Bay Federation, and the Israel Action Committee.

"Words of his own" appears at Berkeley 2736 Bancroft Way, at 7:30 p.m. on March 4. Call 845-7793, ext. 14, for more information.

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ing. First they look at the borrower's gross monthly income in relation to principal, interest, taxes and insurance payment., this would include any home owners association dues—and Primary Mortgage Insurance (PMI.)

If you are self employed or work on a commission (and are not on a fully documented loan), the underwriter will base your monthly income on two or three year average tax return's bottom line, adjusted gross income (AGI). They also need a two year average of persons when consider-

ing overtime and bonus income.

The underwriter then looks to your monthly consumer debt when added to your monthly housing expense. This is all your credit card payments, car payment and any installment loans that will take longer than 10 months to pay off. (Again, credit card debt is figured at the minimum payment and that can take a lifetime to payoff.)

Underwriters will typically consider your ability to service the debt reasonable if the calculation (when

you divide your monthly housing debt by your gross monthly income) —or ratio—falls below 30 percent, especially for a first time buyer. They are more reasonable for a veteran homeowner and find that 33 to 36 percent is acceptable.

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Since the house will serve as 'the' collateral for your loan, the underwriter wants to make sure that it is worth at least as much as you want to borrow. The appraisal is equally if not more important on a high equity (125 percent debt consolidation) loan.

Character

Your personal character will also be important to a lender's underwriter considering your loan application. Do you have a sound savings history and have you set up a retirement plan? Considering your credit report, have you demonstrated integrity in repayment of your debt obligations? Most

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30-year fixed again falls below 7 percent

In the Feb. 19 Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 6.99 percent, with fees and points averaging 1.2 percent. This bellwether rate fell 7 basis points from last week's average of 7.06 percent.

In the last week of Feb. 1997, the 30-year fixed averaged 7.56 percent.

The average start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 5.59 percent with fees averaging 1.2 percent. This average is virtually unchanged from last week when it averaged 5.58 percent. This time last year this rate averaged 5.45 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing market, fell 6 basis points to 6.59 percent from last week's average of 6.65 percent. Fees and points averaged 1.2 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed averaged 7.06 percent.

"Current affordable levels of mortgage rates have produced a robust housing market," said Frank Nothaft, deputy chief economist for Freddie Mac. "Housing starts exceeded 1.5 million for the fifth consecutive month."

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loans, of course, would be slightly higher."

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On Jan. 30 the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for February 1998 payments at 4.963 up from the 4.949 percent that was in effect for January 1998 payments.

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The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mort-

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All these things and more define life here in the '90s. But as my husband always says, considering the compensating factors, we can almost always find a loan for anybody, as long as he is willing to pay the lender's interest rate.

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Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband Scott. She can be reached at 339-8511, fax: 339-3814, e-mail: ksenzig@aol.com. Please contact her with any mortgage questions and/or topics for discussion.

Tenants in common

Periodically, I am asked to draft or review Tenants in Common Agreements ("TICs"). These Agreements, most often end runs around local ordinances banning or restricting condominium conversions, have greatly facilitated home ownership which would be otherwise unaffordable.

They have also often resulted in very tangled and troublesome legal and financial relationships. A growing awareness of these problems has led at least one city, Berkeley, to modify its ban on condominium conversions in order to provide a more legally sensible alternative to TIC owners.

Tenancy in common ownership of real property is the default form of co-ownership in California. Whenever two or more people purchase property together, they take title as tenants in common unless they designate an alternative form of ownership, e.g., joint tenancy or community property.

Community property, of course, is reserved for married folk. Joint tenancy, which is not, involves a right of survivorship (when one co-owner dies, the other(s) inherit that interest). By contrast, each tenant in common is entitled to dispose of her interest as she sees fit. Also, Joint tenancy requires all participants to take title at the same time and to own equal interests. Individual tenants in common, on the other hand, can come and go and own varying percentage interests in the property without disturbing the underlying legal relationship.

What is almost always meant by the phrase "tenants in common" in communities such as Berkeley or San Francisco is not simply this well-defined legal relationship, but

a somewhat ill-fitting marriage of that concept to one of home ownership. This is accomplished, not through the acquisition of separate title as in the case of a condominium, but by the coupling of ownership of an undivided percentage interest in the property as a whole to an agreement among the co-owners providing for exclusive occupancy of a specific unit by each owner.

In other words, the co-tenants, as they called by the law, share ownership of one property and responsibility for one mortgage, one property tax bill, and one insurance bill but agree to act as if they are individual homeowners much as they would if they had purchased a condominium instead. If this sounds like trying to pound a square peg into a round hole, that's because it is and therein lie the pitfalls.

Why, you might be tempted to ask, would a rational person of at least average IQ agree to share legal responsibility for a mortgage, property taxes, and most of the other burdens of home ownership with total strangers? Because, acceptable single family homes are not available at affordable prices but tenancy in common interests are.

And, usually, also because the local community has acted to prevent the erosion of existing rental housing by banning or limiting the conversion of such housing to condominiums.

Once having accepted these realities, where should an unsophisticated buyer begin when confronted with the prospect of purchasing a TIC interest? Which are the major issues to consider?

Most important is the determination of each party's percentage of ownership, since this is usually the

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basis upon which such other important decisions as distribution of sales proceeds, payment of mortgage, property taxes, and insurance are made. If the units are identical, the question is easy to answer. Prob-

a host of other major issues confronting prospective buyers, such as how a substantial improvement will affect the value of the improvement interest, the mechanics

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blems arise when they are not, which is very often the case.

One widely used approach is to have the percentage of ownership reflect the relationship between the square footage of the particular unit to that of all of the units which are to be exclusively occupied. So far, so good.

But, how about when the units are all the same size but their condition is not? Or when the units are of different sizes and some have been modernized and/or remodeled while others haven't, or to a lesser degree? What about the difference in value between a unit with a panoramic bay view and one with an equally panoramic view of the garbage rack?

There is no "right" answer to these questions. The same is true of

one's interest when the property is not being sold, or of non-selling owners' participation in a refinancing of the property to facilitate a co-owner's interest.

The list is long. Is the co-owner's purchase to be by means of a new mortgage property whose change in rate and/or monthly payment affect the non-selling owner's how much change will selling owners be compensated?

Or is the financing to be accomplished by using a mortgage allows substitutions of amounts of debt and what does that mean for the owner?

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Things first

First, it is important to know the scope of the work you plan to do thoroughly as possible. The scope of work includes all the work intended to have built by the contractor including the sizes of

rooms, the window and door types and sizes, the interior and exterior finishes (flooring and wall and ceiling coverings, roofing, and exterior wall finishes), the plumbing fixtures, and the cabinetry.

In addition, it is a good idea to outline the major structural elements, including foundation placement and type and placement of plywood shear walls, because these elements can significantly affect the cost of your project.

The most accurate way to outline the scope of work is with a preliminary set of architect prepared plans called "schematic drawings". These plans are the product of a significant amount of design work and thought by both you and your architect. With your preliminary plans, a contractor

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who has a good track record in estimating can give you a price that will come within 10 percent of the cost of the final bid, provided the design and scope of work does not change.

Choose wisely

If you are going to get an estimate from a contractor, pick the one you plan to have build or bid your job. Expect to pay him for his services if you want an estimate of value.

Often, the contractor will credit the amount of the estimate towards the price of building your project once he is awarded the bid.

If you do not want to pay the expense of having a contractor estimate your project, some architects will estimate the cost of your project based on their prepared schematic plans as an additional service.

Or, you can use the plans you and your architect have developed and compare them in scope with recently built projects in your area.

You can get a less accurate ballpark idea of the cost of your project before any drawings are complete by taking the time to write down the scope of your project. Remember to include repairs and upgrades

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necessary to your existing home as well as the new work you want complete.

Questions, questions

Does your home need a new roof? Will your electrical box service the needs of your addition or will it need to be upgraded? How structurally sound is your existing house? Does it need an improved foundation of additional earthquake bracing? If you are planning to add on, does it make sense to paint the entire house?

The more thorough you are with your list, the more accurate a contractor's or architect's estimate will be.

In estimating the cost of your project, realize that your construction budget covers only the cost to

build your project. Project costs not covered under the construction costs can add as much as 15 to 25 percent or more on top of the construction costs.

These costs can include architectural and structural engineering fees, building and zoning permit fees, soils engineering, and surveys, and an allowance for unavoidable changes made during construction.

Take the time to consider your project cost early on in the game. This will keep your project on course and save you time in the long run.

Deborah Lane, AIA, is an architect with an office in Berkeley. Call her at 527-5677 with questions or comments.

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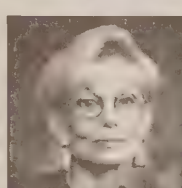
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bookkeeping system from hell as a means of keeping track of changing individual payment amounts and who owes what percentage of the loan at what interest rate from which date?

Then there are the issues of purchase options and the mechanics thereof, the right of approval of an incoming co-owner, the right to rent one's unit, to have pets, to park or not to park on the property, to use and maintain common areas, etc., etc.

There is the very important issue of what to do when one owner fails to meet his or her monetary obligations (the lender, tax collector, and insurance company will expect full payment each month. They should not be expected to make allowances for problems among the owners. Finally, how will future disputes be handled? Arbitration? Litigation? Should

mediation be tried first?

I am raising such questions without answering them to make two points: first, buying into a TIC involves making a lot of important decisions; second, there are no right answers (although it is true that more or less standard solutions have developed in the market place).

The group of prospective co-owners must thrash them out among themselves and then - and I can't stress this strongly enough - memorialize all of their agreements in a written TIC agreement signed by all of the parties. This Agreement should include a provision requiring all future co-owners to execute it and agree to be bound by its provisions as a condition of purchasing an interest in the property.

This leads me to my penultimate point. As often as not, a prospective purchaser will be considering purchasing an interest in an already existing TIC as opposed

to creating one from scratch. All the same questions should be asked even though there will not be the same freedom to implement preferred solutions.

You will have to agree to abide by an agreement that was created by and for other people, which is somewhat like wearing somebody else's clothes. Therefore, if the Agreement provides for arrangements which differ from those you would like to have, be sure you can live with the differences or negotiate changes with the non-selling co-owners before proceeding any further.

In any event, don't forget to make your purchase offer contingent upon review and approval of the agreement before you are irrevocably bound to proceed.

Finally, lots of things in this world can be done well, even best, without a lawyer. This is not one of them.

A knowledgeable real estate lawyer should always be employed to draft or review the agreement and to advise you of the potential legal consequences of each and every issue I have raised.

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Bringing order to chaos?

By H. W. Moss

The California Department of Real Estate (DRE) takes the Internet seriously and recently issued a memo containing guidelines for advertising on the information highway.

Here's the twist: The guidelines are not written for California licensees. The policy paper appears to be aimed at people who are licensed in other states. And if that's true, it sets up the possibility of licensing conflicts between states.

The memo is titled "Internet Advertising" and although it does not specifically say who it targets, residents of California or nonresidents, it carries the implication that it is meant for readers who do not inhabit the Golden State. However, its wording is valid for everyone.

"If you are not properly licensed in California, you may not solicit California residents," the paper states. "To do so would be considered conducting activity for which a real estate license is required."

Most people involved in real estate are aware that each state requires you to hold a license in order to perform certain tasks. And licensees who advertise in print or electronic media with nationwide circulation are limited in what they may say and how they may say it.

In fact, many advertisements offering real estate and mortgages

in the Wall Street Journal, for example, say the offer is not good in certain parts of the country. This disclaimer is not due to the rates varying or the price of property changing, but because the offer is not licensed in those states.

"If you don't qualify the solicitation and the public is in California, you would be in violation," said Dan Garrett assistant commissioner for legislation and public information with the DRE. "You're not licensed in California, you're licensed in New York, Nevada, New Jersey. Typically, California licensees transact business in California. The ad may go everywhere."

The DRE's memo is a first attempt to bring the same professional standards to the new electronic medium as are required of traditional forms of advertising. As the world shrinks and the global village is spurred on by the Internet, there will be violations. It is only a matter of time before we see litigation of licensing laws, from insurance companies to lawyers and doctors as well as real estate professionals.

"We're not ignoring the Internet," said Garrett. "It's a pesky problem because the Internet is everywhere, it's nowhere, and people are often anonymous. How do you realistically enforce your state's laws?"

Confusing the issue is the fact that tasks that are licensed in one state may not be licensed, at least by the governing body, in another. Some mortgage brokers are licensed activity, "Garrett, some states don't."

Across the country, the governing laws are being scrutinized by enforcement agencies, that at the moment have no of any DRE sanction on the Internet.

"We are not aware of any complaints," he said. "No action, no cases of fraud or unlicensed activity on the Internet. Real estate is a face business. That may be heard anecdotally about going out loan applications, but the public is that aware that may change."

The first thing people do when they identify themselves as realtors on their Web pages. "You see a lack of that," said. "You don't know if you're dealing with an owner or a broker."

California's DRE has numerous tasks as licensed. The memo concerning

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really is." Contact Pam Hoffman
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Possibilities in eye of beholder

Number 231 in a series of true
experiences in real estate

Every week we look at a number
of houses, the inventory of goods
available for our customers. We
can't go to a store to see what's for
sale right now; we have to drive to
each one and go inside. As we look,
we form opinions about them, about
their possible desirability for the
buyers we know. We are, at least
initially, our buyers' eyes.

We ask ourselves many ques-
tions about each house, its location,
condition, size, amenities and cost.
Does this house afford quiet and
privacy, distance from its neigh-
bors for someone who prizes these?
What would it take to redo this
kitchen and add a fireplace to match
another buyer's desire? Is the loca-
tion of a certain house within our
buyer's preferred biking distance
to his job?

The answers to these and other
questions are sometimes clear. It's
obvious which houses may work
for a buyer who cannot traverse
stairs or whose wish list is topped
by a sweeping bay view. But more
frequently, it is not possible to know
which houses may be possibilities
for our buyers.

This is usually because the buy-
ers themselves don't know. Some-
one may tell us, for instance, that he
is not willing to live on a busy
street, then change his mind when
he finds a house that includes ev-
erything else he's been hoping for.
Or he's said that an older house
with untouched wood details is what
he wants — and it is — until he goes
inside a newer, sleek and clean house
and suddenly his image of home
changes.

Most of the houses we see, we

see on tour. We're not in them for
long. We come away with impres-
sions, some of which are personal:
I like this house; I don't like this
one. One is cluttered, shabby; an-
other sunny and open, or well cared-
for and nice furniture, too. I make
notes about every house we see,
necessarily abbreviated, and I'm
afraid, not always accurate. At least
I wasn't in one case this week.

It was raining hard as we toured
houses this week. We dripped in
and out of each and back to our car.
The skies were dark and we were
cold and in a hurry. Maybe that is
why I described one house to a
client as "truly bad, needs much." I
also told her that it has a pleasant
yard, which it does, and that founda-
tion work would be needed, which
it will. It didn't seem to me that it
was a house that she would have
any interest in.

But I was wrong. She decided to
drive by the outside of this house in
spite of my bad review. Its appear-
ance intrigued her and she called to
ask me for more details. I told her
what I had seen: walls, floors, all
surfaces needing so much attention
that the house doesn't seem habit-
able as it is. She wanted to see for
herself and so we arranged to meet
there.

It really wasn't so bad. I was
surprised. Yes, it needs paint and
the floors could certainly use refin-
ishing. No maintenance has been
attended to in some years. But the
kitchen and bathroom are reason-
ably intact, no roof leaks are appar-
ent, and the floors are relatively
level. The house is not a wreck.

It has happened to me many times
that a house I thought well of, de-
scribed as attractive, even superior,
was a disappointment upon a sec-

ond visit. But I don't think it has
happened to me before in reverse.
This house looked far better to me
when I went back inside than I ever
would have expected. I was embar-
rased.

As it turned out, our client doesn't
want to buy that house. It does have
some problems that she does not
feel comfortable taking on. But were
this not the case, this might well
have been the right house for her.

Which only goes to show some-
thing or other: Never assume any-
thing? Don't look at houses on rainy
days? Make sure buyers see every
house?

Probably none of these is right.
What happened to me is something
I warn would-be buyers against:
dismissing houses too readily. It's
hard not to. People react to what
they think they see. Me too. Neg-
ative responses too easily hinge on
extraneous information. We may
shy away from a house painted in
colors we don't like or become so
conflated by a large quantity of pos-
sessions that we never see the house.
Or we are put off by dirt or smells or



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other things readily remedied.
And the opposite impresses us,
maybe more than it should. A house
that looks wonderful, clean and
well-furnished captures us. Before
we know it, we're involved, in-
volved before we know anything
much about its underlying health.

A sort of super vision would be
a great assist to all of us, to see
unemotionally at the beginning, to
take in visuals without criticism.
Such an ability would allow us to
see and appreciate more and, I think,
bring us more pleasure.

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Quake rates unfair?

An East Bay Assemblywoman
is asking the state's insurance com-
missioner to do his job, following a
ruling by a California judge calling
current earthquake insurance rates
unfair.

Assemblymember Liz Figueroa,
D-Fremont, released a report today
blasting Insurance Commissioner
Chuck Quackenbush's effort to re-
form California earthquake insur-
ance rates.

Figueroa, chair of the Assembly
Insurance Committee, said, "It's
time for Quackenbush to do his job.
Homeowners throughout Califor-
nia, and particularly in the San
Francisco Bay Area, are paying too
much for earthquake insurance."

Administrative Law Judge An-
drea Biren ruled on Friday that the

current rates are unfair and recom-
mended several changes to the Cal-
ifornia Earthquake Authority's in-
surance rates policy.

Quackenbush reportedly has the
power to change or modify CEA
policies, but has chosen to solicit
the opinions of all involved par-
ties before acting on proposed
changes.

Quackenbush will consider
comments received by March 23,
according to a statement released by
his office.

The CEA was founded by
Quackenbush following the 1994
Northridge earthquake to help solve
homeowners insurance problems.
Its policy for determining insur-
ance rates has been under review in
California courts since 1996.

Stay on El Niño alert

With the El Niño winter season
in full swing in the Bay Area, the
California Public Utilities Commis-
sion is asking residents to take a
few precautionary steps.

CPUC recommends trimming
tree branches to prevent wear and
tear on insulated power lines. If you

see wear or stretching of lines con-
tact your utility company immedi-
ately.

Having an emergency plan is a
good idea CPUC says. Residents
should have batteries, flashlights,
blankets and other emergency sup-
plies handy if power does go out for
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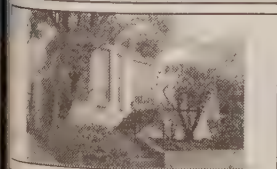
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Our Achilles' heel

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Like many real estate companies, Prudential California agents have a joint meeting of regional offices once a month. At these meetings, we invite guest speakers to give presentations on topics of importance to our profession. At this month's meeting, we heard from a Mr. Gerd-Ulf Krueger, deputy chief economist at California Association of Realtors in Los Angeles.

Mr. Krueger's topic was an analysis of the current trends in the real estate markets across California. He spent most of his presentation documenting how strong the market is today in most parts of the state, and the reasons for this strength: lower interest rates, a net increase in migration into the state during the past few years, and growing buying power among our minority communities.

At the end of his talk, Mr. Krueger singled out one cautionary note that we as Realtors are well aware of. "The Achilles heel in this otherwise rosy picture," he warned, "is the perception in other parts of the United States that California in general, and the Bay Area in particular, is hostile to new business development. This perception will likely lead to a slowing down of the current real estate market in the near future."

He went on to explain that studies by his office indicate that professionals like scientists, doctors, professors, and high-tech executives from back east and overseas were no longer picking California as their first choice of a place to live, as they had been doing until recent years.

When asked why he thought this was true, he pointed to the plethora of laws restricting expansion of existing business, the delays and expense of getting new construction approved, the unusually high ratio of government workers per capita in many Bay Area cities, and the high tax rates on commercial and residential real estate.

I understand exactly what Mr.

Krueger is talking about, having lived in Berkeley since I arrived for my freshman year at U.C. in 1969. Just last a couple of weeks ago, I was appalled to read about the decision of the Berkeley City Council in passing a unanimous resolution which demanded that the state of California begin cleaning up the one-hundred-fifty-year-old waste left over from the Gold Rush.

The expected cost would be several billion dollars, its backers conceded. They provided no suggestion of how to pay for all of this. It was not the sentiment of this resolution that offended me, but the fact that my city's government was spending hours of the city council's limited time on a subject that was unrelated to city business. Also, it seemed like an unrealistic and unreasonable demand, and one that would only contribute to the perception of Berkeley as a city that was out of touch with the real world.

I felt so strongly about the negative aspects of this resolution, that I called Mayor Shirley Dean's office to register my objections on her after-hours voice mail line. Apparently, I wasn't alone. Mayor Dean called me back a day or so later to tell me that she had received "several calls about this topic, perhaps a dozen, and not one of them was positive."

The mayor went on to explain that all of the calls she had gotten were not objecting to the concept of the resolution, but to the fact that the city council was spending so much time on these kinds of issues.

Even though she voted for the resolution in the end, Mayor Dean said "I tried to point out to the other council members that we need to have a better balance between these kinds of concerns and taking care of the city's everyday business."

After hearing the mayor's views on this subject, I decided that this would be an ideal opportunity to ask about her thoughts on what should be done to combat the negative effects of such actions on the city's business climate and its real

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estate markets. She began by recalling her original goals.

"When I became mayor in December of 1994, Berkeley had a decidedly antibusiness image," said Dean. "Whenever I went to a regional or statewide meeting of mayors, I was always looked at in a peculiar way when they learned that I represented Berkeley."

Dean said she has worked really hard to turn that negative perception of Berkeley around and feels she making some progress until recently, when we got a new "radical" (i.e. Berkeley Citizen's Action) majority on the city council. She expressed her concern about this recent trend toward these types of proposals that have a certain agenda to them.

"I'm afraid that much of the progress that we had made during my first two years as mayor in reversing Berkeley's antibusiness image is being lost now," the mayor said.

I asked the mayor to give some

examples of what she feels has been accomplished since she took office to encourage business investment in Berkeley, and thereby ensure continuing healthy real estate market.

"I have reached out to CEOs, business managers, and small business owners to assure them that Berkeley wanted their business," she said "And I've spoken to the owners of existing businesses already in the city that were considering leaving to urge them to stay by finding out what their needs were."

Two recent examples of these successful efforts came to Dean's mind. When the Pyramid Brewing Company was considering opening a plant in Berkeley, she recalls having a conversation with the owner to encourage the company to locate here.

When they informed her of their decision to come, the owner told her how important it was to him to know that the mayor wanted them

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Curiously, the memo explains what sanctions are taken against someone who violates the California department's rules.

And although civil suits have been brought against people in this state, it will be difficult to prosecute a New York offender.

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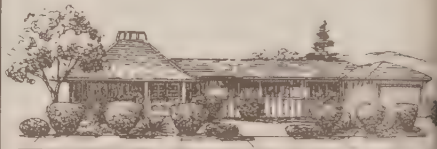
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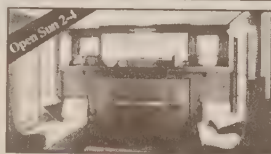
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Is '98 hot commercially?

By Richard Knutson, CCIM

The first quarter is a good time to ask the experts to put their credibility on the line. Anyway, except for Wall Street Week with Louis Rukeyser, how often do you check on January predictions in December?

The bottom line is that consensus has returned after the turbulent commercial real estate market of the early 1990s. We've spoken to some of the region's most reliable practitioners for their predictions.

The glitziest asset class among institutional investors is the Class A office building, usually a larger high-quality structure located in a downtown area or high-end suburb. As recently as 1995, doom was predicted for these financial behemoths. Now they are back in vogue.

According to Chris Adams of CB Commercial in Walnut Creek, this market has gone from not hot in the last couple of years.

Adams reports that "office rents in the I-680 Corridor have climbed 35 to 50 percent in the past 24 months." Occupancies remain tight, about 95 percent in the East Bay. Investment values and rents are expected to continue rising, though at a less torrid pace — probably 10 percent this year.

Adams predicts that transaction volume will be about the same this year as in 1997. That's right — you should have bought an office building in '95.

The market for industrial buildings also is enjoying a strong comeback, though this product type didn't suffer as much as office properties during the 'great recession' of the early '90s.

Mike Kamm of BT Commercial in Oakland says rents should increase about 10 to 15 percent

this year, with occupancies in the range of 95 to 97 percent.

Investment values will perform well, tracking even with rents. The transaction volume for sales will increase, while leasing activity will decline due to fewer vacant spaces. Kamm states that

"1998 will see the completion of over 2.5M square feet of new industrial space along the I-880 Corridor. Even with this new inventory, rental rates will rise and vacancy will fall."

Roger Mills, CCIM, of MRE Commercial in Emeryville is only slightly less bullish on the prospects for retail properties. Rents are expected to move up about 7 percent this year, as will investment values.

The major precursor to rent growth, higher occupancy, is occurring throughout the region — up to 95 percent in 1998. In predicting a slight increase in transactions this year, Mills noted "the East Bay retail market seems to have hit bottom in early '97 and is definitely on the way up in '98."

While regional malls continue to lag, community shopping centers with large grocery anchors are in strong demand by investors. REITs have finally discovered retail investments and will increase their stake this year.

The apartment market will continue to be more heady than steady in the East Bay this year. John Leyvas, a partner with Moison Investments is so bullish, his firm recently opened a new office to serve Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano counties.

Leyvas, a dominant player in the apartment investment arena, predicts rent growth of up to 10 percent with occupancies steady at 96 percent or higher in most East Bay

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submarkets.

Leyvas indicated "multi-housing investments will appreciate along with rents." Market volume should remain strong, with the year's final numbers depending on whether a few large transactions come to fruition.

Leyvas concluded, "there are finally some significant developments in the pipeline for 1998, but not enough to meet the demand created by new job formation."

For the cautious investor who wants to make sure the good times have returned before jumping in, you're not too late, but the party is well under way.

For those already in the market, 1998 will continue the trend begun in 1996 and treat you well. Watch out when investors return to their cyclical habit of buying on future rent levels. We can't say what the more distant future holds, except that every cycle ends, and the key is to leave the party before the lights go out.

Richard Knutson, CCIM, is a partner with Moison Investment Company. He specializes in real estate investment brokerage in the East Bay and can be reached at 347-4552.



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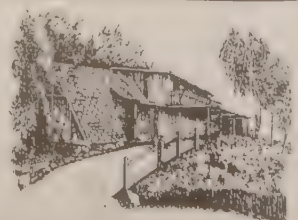
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 LOWEST PRICE: \$110,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$451,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$235,361

ALBANY
 TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$102,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$210,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$152,000

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 TOTAL SALES: 20
 LOWEST PRICE: \$117,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$460,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$245,800

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 LOWEST PRICE: \$128,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$355,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$214,125

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 PRICE: \$1,419,000

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TOTAL SALES: 1
 PRICE: \$80,000

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TOTAL SALES: 75
 LOWEST PRICE: \$66,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$620,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$212,026

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$471,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$785,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$621,375

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TOTAL SALES: 1

PRICE: \$92,500

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 20
 LOWEST PRICE: \$103,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$333,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$197,675
 SAN LORENZO
 TOTAL SALES: 8
 LOWEST PRICE: \$137,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$194,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$174,375

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A: Moles are insect eaters that burrow along the soil surface searching for prey like grubs and earthworms. They do not eat grains or plants, nor do they spend much time above ground. They have been known to pull young plants down under the ground.

Gophers spend very little time above ground. Normally, they only leave their runs to mate and establish new colonies.

Therefore, I think your problem is roof rats. Roof rats will gnaw on plants as well as eat grains. I would also expect to see them feeding with other animals.

The poison gopher blocks may take up to three weeks to begin working, so it's not unusual to see any progress for a while. For the extermination of rats, I would use a rat bait. Remember to protect the bait stations from dogs, cats and other animals that might be harmed by the poison.

Q: We are preparing our soil to do some landscaping in our front yard. The soil is extremely hard. I tilled the soil last fall down six inches. We are ready to lay down Fir Mulch and Planter Mix this spring but I am concerned that we have not mixed/chopped up the soil enough. Do I need to till again?

A: I would only rototill the area where turf or ground cover is going to be planted. Here I would mix the soil amendments with the existing soil. For trees and shrubs,

dig a hole that is twice as wide as the container they are now growing in and six inches deeper and amend the backfill 50-50 with the existing soil. And finally, plant the new plants so the original rootball is one inch above the final grade point.

Q: I'm considering buying a dogwood tree and would value your input about the best choice of location. I would like a prolific tree with large, snow white flowers, reaching about 15 feet high for a partially shaded area. I would prefer a tree that is disease-resistant and has full color. Which of the following would be most suitable? Cornus florida or Cornus hybrid? Also, could you tell me about the Cornus kousa group? Are they more shrub-like than tree-like?

A: Dogwoods are an excellent choice for the Oakland Hills. My only concern is that the fall color isn't very spectacular. Cornus florida is the best variety for most home gardeners as it will tolerate summer irrigation and will not grow larger than 15 feet.

Only you can decide which is the best variety of dogwood as they all are very colorful when in bloom. Cornus kousa is more like a large shrub than a tall tree. They will reach 20 feet in height and are the latest blooming of the dogwoods, flowering around June and July. The native dogwoods do not adapt to any garden that receives a lot of summer water as they will rot. Also, they are the largest growing reaching 20 to 30 feet high.

Q: I have a dwarf Mandarin tree that is seven years old and has never produced any fruit. Instead of destroying the tree out-

right, I would like to experiment by budding or grafting it from my Eureka Lemon. What methods would you recommend and when is the most appropriate time to do so?

A: Citrus can be both budded and grafted but budding is preferred. Citrus is budded in the spring, March, April, and in October using a Side Shield Bud.

Citrus is best grafted in March-April using a Bark Whip, or Side graft. The best graft is determined by the caliper stock/branches you are grafting to.

Q: Bermuda Grass has taken over my yard. I have decided to get rid of it and I would like to replace it with a non-Bermuda grass lawn. Can you tell me how to go about this? I have been told to spray my yard with Round-Up and that this will kill it off. But given how the Bermuda grass grows, will one application of Round-Up be enough or would I need multiple applications?

A: When Bermuda Grass takes over a lawn, you have to be patient and persistent in killing it, even then you're not always successful. I recommend to many people that they learn to live with it because of the high probability of its



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If you do decide to put in a new lawn, it will take several applications of Round-Up or Finale. Never apply it to the bare ground as these products are leaf absorbed herbicides. Before making a repeat application, encourage the left over Bermuda grass by watering and fertilizing the area.

Contact Buzz Bertolero at his e-mail address: dirtgarden@aol.com; visit his Webpage at www.dirtgarden.com.

Wilson...

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to bring business to Berkeley. "That was a very important decision for Berkeley," Dean said, "because it provided over two hundred jobs for residents of the city—as well as the fact that it's such a popular place for people to go."

More recently, the Berra Software Company was considering moving out of Berkeley because of the major problems they were experiencing over inadequate parking for all of their employees and clients.

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"The Berra Company eventually

did decide to stay," said Dean, "they began construction of a handsome new office on Addison Street in downtown Berkeley. So we were able to vital, growing businesses by a positive discussion of their needs were. This is the thing we need to do every year in this city to ensure a healthy overall economy."

In next week's column, I will address the question of sales taxes on the city's owners, improving the process, and the current effort to create a light rail system.

Mark A. Wilson is a local architectural historian and author at Mason McDuffie & Associates, a Telegraph Avenue office. He can be reached at 273-9383 or www.topbroker.com.

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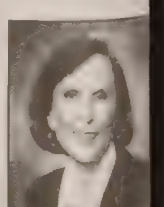
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Oakland

\$63,900 625 EL DORADO #106. Great studio condo comes fully furnished. Just move in! Friendly neighbors, easy stroll to Piedmont Ave. shops & eateries. Russ Grant 814-4713

\$73,500 365 PERKINS. Well-maintained 1 BD, 1 BA unit close to Lake Merritt, shopping & transportation. Laundry facilities on each floor, balcony & elevator. Jane Fredrich 521-6892

\$79,500 625 EL DORADO #105. Great buy at this price! One BD, 1 BA condo with security parking. Easy stroll to Piedmont shops and restaurants. Russ Grant 814-4713

\$89,500 320 LEE #703. Executive 1 BD condo with views of Oakland from living room & bedroom. **PENDING** security, lots of storage, covered parking. Jane Fredrich 521-6892

\$135,000 3809 WHITTIE. Cute 2 BD, 1 BA starter home in nice area! Great for first-time buyer. Attached garage. Richard Powell 814-4837

\$138,000 2824 ATWELL. OPEN SUN. 2-4:30. Single-level bungalow with 2 BD, 1 1/2 BA, hardwood floors & 2-car attached garage! Coly & Tom Young 814-4841

\$139,000 2633 HAROLD. Well-kept 2 BD, 1 BA home in the Dimond District! Formal dining, large bright kitchen, separate large lot with lemon trees & a detached 1-car garage. To be sold "as is." Tere Lee 521-3352

\$139,500 6470 MacARTHUR. Two townhouse-style units in good condition! Both units are 2 BD, 1 BA. Close to Mills College. Kathy Hirsch 814-4706

\$245,000 4949 CORONADO. A 2-unit fixer-upper in a great location! Both units are 2 BD, 1 BA. To be sold "as is." Donn Gutierrez 814-4854

\$349,000 3460 REVERE. PRICED REDUCED! You can see forever! Full Bay Area view, 1-level custom home, 3 BD (master suite with office), kitchen/family room combo. Margaret Lomba 521-7193

San Leandro

\$160,000 14001 SEAGATE. OPEN SUN. 2-4. Former model townhome with many upgrades! 2 BD, 2 BA with Corian counters, beautiful glass cabinets, built-in bookcase, pool, spa, tennis courts, located near marina. Tere Lee 521-3352

\$165,000 14251 SEAGATE. Beautiful 2 BD, 1 1/2 BA corner **PENDING** Great location, hardwood floors & all appliances included. Tere Lee 521-3352

San Pablo

\$169,000 14406 SEAGATE. Immaculate 2 BD, 2 1/2 BA corner unit with new carpeting & paint! Appliances included. Great price, near patio & streams. Tere Lee 521-3352

San Pablo

\$117,000 18 VILLA. Spacious 3 BD, 1 1/2 BA end-unit townhome. Fully painted inside & new **PENDING** schools & shopping. Donn Gutierrez 814-4854

El Cerrito

\$120,000 LOT 68 DEVONSHIRE. Prime lot! Breathtaking view of Gate & Bay! Prestigious & **PENDING** Walk to Mira Vista Golf Course! Steve Cressy 814-4818

San Ramon

\$220,000 3252 CASA CRISTIE. Excellent Starter-Home. **PENDING** 3 BD, 1 1/2 BA 1-level with **PENDING** Peter Fletcher 814-4832

Danville

\$156,500 314 BOREL. This cozy 2 BD, 2 BA condo is a perfect starter home in move-in condition! Refrigerator, washer/dryer included. Close to shops, dining & transportation. Connie Hanna 814-4814

Richmond

\$249,000 25 BREAKERS. 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA, family room. Never lived in, used as office! Immaculate condition. Tere Lee 521-3352

Redwood City

\$419,000 515 REDWOOD. Investment opportunity! Three **PENDING** unit building. All units are 2 BD, 1 BA. Recently updated. Call for details. Linda Soulaiges 521-3353

\$597,000 310 POPLAR. Great investment opportunity! Five **PENDING** unit building. Professional **PENDING** three - 2 BD, two - 1 BD, 1 BA. **PENDING** please do not disturb tenants. Call for details. Linda Soulaiges 521-3353

Out of Area

\$159,000 2645 EASTLAKE, KELSEYVILLE. Buckingham Park, middle Clear Lake. Location **PENDING** ranch-style 3 BD, 2 BA **PENDING** room, 2 fireplaces, & 2-car garage. Approx 1 acre of natural setting with filtered view of lake. Margaret Lomba 521-7193

Events

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information.

Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a nonprofit community service organization located at 333 Hegenberger Rd., Suite 618, in Oakland offers the free workshop **Money 101**, from 6 to 8 p.m., Wed. March 11. This is one in a series of money-management seminars hosted by Consumer Credit Counseling Service. Registration is mandatory. Call (800) 501-SAVE, ext. 235, to reserve space or to receive information about other seminars.

Willie Foster of Prudential California and Stan Johnson of Wausau Mortgage will conduct free **Home**

Buyers Seminars. These seminars will inform renters of the opportunity to get into their homes for as little as 1 percent down. The first workshop will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Thurs., March 5 at 3220 Blume Dr. in Richmond. Seminars are also scheduled for Sat., March 14 and Thurs. March 19. Seating is limited. Take advantage of this seminar by calling 286-7644. Simply leave your name, phone number and the number of people attending. You will be contacted with seating information.

The Small Business Administration and Oakland's One-Stop Capital Shop (OSCS), will host a free **Small Business Conference**, from 8 a.m. to noon, Thurs., March 5 at the Asian Cultural Center, 388

Ninth St., Suite 280, in Oakland. Oakland City Councilmember Henry Chang and Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan will open the conference and identify specific small business opportunities in the East Bay with an emphasis on Oakland and international trade. To receive more information or to register call 238-3703.

Oakland's One-Stop Capital Shop (OSCS), 519 17th St. in Oakland, provides a series of free and low-cost small-business developmental workshops available to the public on an ongoing basis. These workshops are geared for small and midsize business entrepreneurs. Workshops include Business Planning for Success, Legal Aspects of Small Business, Bidding on Gov-

ernment Contracts, Fundamentals of Marketing and Financing Your Small Business. For more information about these workshops, call 273-6000.

Join University of California pathologist Dr. Robert Raabe from 9 a.m. to noon the first Sat. of every month for a free **Sick Plant Clinic** at the UC Botanical Gardens, 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. Drop in with a piece of a sick or a dying plant and Dr. Raabe will diagnose the problem. Call 643-2755 or garden@uclink4.berkeley.edu for more information.

Russell Doi of the Mortgage Network hosts free **First Time Homebuyer Seminar** on an ongoing basis. Learn about the many

first-time homebuyer programs available today. Find out just how much home you can afford to buy. Receive a free booklet that will help you prepare for the biggest investment you may ever make. Call 526-6554 to make reservations.

The **Orchid Society of California** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Learn about orchids and their care. Purchase orchid plants at the members' plant sale before the meeting. Orchid lecturers share their knowledge and provide plants for a raffle. Join the camaraderie and learn about the beautiful world of orchids. Call 531-1210 for more information.

The **Golden Gate Chapter of the Society** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wed. of each month at Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. The sale is featured before the meeting, affording you the opportunity to purchase quality plants. These meetings feature speakers from around the world on slides and valuable tips on cymbidiums. Attend to learn how to grow these beautiful plants. Call 531-1210 for more information. For inclusion in *Events* information to Dennis Real Estate Editor, Hillpers, 5707 Redwood Rd., 94619, Phone: 339-4071, 4066. Information must be one week prior to publication.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30***

- \$1,029,000** 5640 MARGARITO, Claremont Pines, 4/3, unique & elegant! Classic Med w/pvt court'd & gardens. Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460
- \$899,000** 1016 AMITO, Claremont Hills, 5+3 1/2, stunning Med. Vws! Lap pool & spa. Prudential CA RE 845-6021, Nancy Platford 898-9408 **SUN 2-4**
- \$795,000** 6841 ESTATES DR, Montclair, 1st open! Stunning vws & level garden! 5/4, family rm, Nr Village. The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400
- \$750,000** 8 CHANCELLOR PL, Claremont Hills, 4+2+, exotic Moroccan touches, nw Med, bay/hill vws. Prudential CA RE, Nancy Hoover 849-5338 **SUN 2-4**
- \$675,000** 6187 SWAINLAND, NW, elegant 4+2.5, kit/fam combo, FDR, bonus 2 flr, court'd. Wells & Bennett, Carol Robbiano 531-7000 X292
- \$630,000** 12055 BROADWAY TER, Montclair, 4bd/3b, state of the art kitchen. New price. Don't Miss! Deadrich RE, 632-1234 Cecile 632-3452
- \$619,000** 131 WILDING LN, Rockridge, 4+bd/3.5 ba family hm w/bonus rooms Prudential CA Realty, Colette Ford 845-6021
- \$619,000** 124 SHERIDAN RD, Stylish, quality, details, Rockridge cul-de-sac, 4/3.5, great rm. Templeton Company, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122
- \$584,000** 6102 RUTHLAND RD, Montclair, 4/2+, new construction, almost done. Exc. style/price. LaSalle Properties, Ed Lindorfer 531-8401
- \$550,000** 2076 LEIMERT BL, Oakmore, 3bd/3ba, new listing! pano bay & SF vw, office, fam rm, decks. Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460
- \$498,000** 660 FLORENCE AVE, Custom 3bd/2 1/2 ba, Upr Rockridge, quality finishes, craftsmanship. Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174
- \$479,000** 931 HILLCROFT, Crocker, New listing! fabulous Tudor, 3+bd/3+ba Prudential CA Realty 834-2010, Dolores Thion 763-1710
- \$469,000** 8898 SKYLINE BL, Montclair, 3+bd/3ba custom view home Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- \$459,000** 455 MOUNTAIN BL, 1st open! Spacious, all level, fam rm off EIK. Lg lot, great spa. The GRUBB Co. Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400
- \$459,000** 58 VILLANOVA DR, Montclair 4bd/2+ba, grt bay/hill vws! Spacious & dramatic. Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460
- \$449,000** 20 VILLANOVA, Montclair, 5bd/3ba, 4-bridge vw, 3052sf, privacy and yard. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- \$439,900** 6745 MOORE DR, Montclair, Just Listed! 4/3 gorgeous Shepherd Cyn tri-hl, woody serenity. Flex flr plan. Better Homes RE 939-7920 Mike Rittenhouse 372-7488
- \$439,000** 6100 RIDGEMONT, A gem! 3/2.5, lg kitchen, fam rm, 3 frpl, 3-car garage. Some bay vw. Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng/Karen Lum 339-1174
- \$439,000** 410 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair, 4bd/3ba w/bay view, remod kitchen, 3-car garage. Security Pacific, Howard Triplett 445-2334 **SUN 2-4**
- \$428,000** 2144 MASTLANDS DR, Montclair, 4bd/3+ba contemp, fam rm, rec rm, in-law/hm office. Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- \$425,000** 1817 CARTER ST, Upr Oakmore, custom 4/2 1/2, hwdws, lg kit, family rm, back patio. Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinson 339-1174
- \$409,000** 5150 REDWOOD RD, Top of the Hill Bay View! 3bd/2.5ba Prudential CA Realty, Yehuda Ben-David 869-4205
- \$399,900** 34 OVAL RD, Montclair, charming 5yr old custom 3/2. 2 frpl, beamed ceilings, huge lot. The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400
- \$399,000** 2038 TAMPA AVE, Montclair, 4/3 w/new price. Bay view, rumpus, office, yard "See"! LaSalle Properties, Mel Copland 339-2109
- \$399,000** 2104 CLEMENS RD, Oakmore, 4bd/2ba fab new hm, hwdws, huge level yd, lg attic. Pacific Union, Jeffrey Himmel 339-6460
- \$389,000** 5815 BALMORAL DR, Oakland Hills, custom, lvl 3/2, hwdws, updt'd kit w/eat-in area, FDR. The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400
- \$385,000** 5296 HARBOR DR, 1st open! Contemp. ranch, family rm off kit, mstr +2 add'l bd. Grt garden! The GRUBB Co. Mavis Delacroix 339-0400
- \$379,000** 6246 RIDGEMONT, New listing! 3/2.5 includes mstr suite, 1-story, cook's kit, FDR. Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000 X242
- \$360,000** And Up! 8201 SKYLINE CIR, Bayview in Oakland Hills, 3 & 4bdrms w/2 1/2 ba by Kaufman and Reid. Spectacular views of SF bay, recreational trails, EZ commute. 430-9633 **Mon 12-6, Tues-Sun 10-6**
- \$359,000** 5515 HARBOR DR, Upr Rockridge, 3bd/2b, park-like lot w/privacy LaSalle Properties, Carol Cohen 339-8900
- \$359,000** 1081 CLARENDON CRESCENT, Crocker, 4/2 w/lots of potential, big yd, 2-car garage. The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400
- \$359,000** 4308 ARCADIA, Upr Oakmore, 3bd/1+ba, charming trad'l, FDR, den, south bay vws. Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460
- \$359,000** 1930 MAGELLAN DR, Montclair, 4bd/2+ba, spacious, aipair dwn dbl lot, level yd. Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460
- \$355,000** 3445 BRUNELL, SF bay view! 5/3 new listing w/rumpus, wet bar, 2 frpl, dbl garage, 1/4 acre. Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174
- \$349,000** 5960 ZINN DR, Montclair, just listed! Bright, move in condition, yd & vws! 3bd/2ba. Prudential CA RE 339-9290 Gene Boomer 869-4202
- \$349,000** 6029 CABOLYN TER, Rockridge, 3/2.5, grt price, fabulous location, family home! Prudential CA RE 845-6021, Nancy Platford 898-9408
- \$349,000** 1337 BARROWS RD, Trestle Glen, 3bd/2ba, gorgeous tudor, unique city vws, new kit, terraced yd. Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460
- \$325,000** 33 BUCKEYE AVE, Upr Rockridge, refin. hwdws, nw paint, 2+bd/2b w/trad'l charm & SF vw! Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174
- \$324,000** 2692 CAMINO LENADA, 3+bd/2b, Montclair contemporary, private oak tree setting. Pacific Union, Nancy Moore 339-6460

- \$319,000** 12950 BROOKPARK, Parkridge Estates, 3/2 includ mstr, kit/fam rm, hwdw flrs, parkland vw. The GRUBB CO, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400
- \$309,000** 6712 HEARTWOOD, Montclair, LR w/corner flr, plank flrs, 3bd/2ba, updt'd kit, front deck. Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846
- \$309,000** 3060 BUTTERS, Nr Joaquin Miller Park, Charming 3/2 + bonus rms. Lush 2/3 acre. Bay vw, seasonal creek. Golden Bear 482-1580.
- \$299,950** 4437 HARBORVIEW AVE, Upr High St Terrace, 3/1.5 trad'l with private bay vw! Prudential CA RE 339-9290 Vikki Landes 869-4225
- \$299,000** 4346 LA CRESTA, Glenview, 3bd/1 1/2 ba, remod kit & baths, FDR, level yard, garage. LaSalle Properties, Hal Castle 339-9778
- \$295,000** 4396 TERRABELLA PL, Montebello Terrace retreat, 3bd/2 1/2 ba Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Yehuda Ben-David 869-4205
- \$279,000** 940 GLENDOME CIR, Glenview! 1st open! 3/2 Spanish Med, hwdws, frpl, DR, yd. Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392
- \$279,000** 6432 THORNHILL DR, Montclair, 3bd/3b, sparkling! Walk to village, fenced yd, decks. Pacific Union, Carolyn Jones 339-6460
- \$269,000** 762 SANTA RAY, Crocker Highlands 3bd/1ba, kitchen opens to patio, gardener's delight! Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400
- \$259,000** 425 ELWOOD AVE, Grand Lake, 3bd/2ba, sunny, plus rm, EIK, DR, yd, walk to Grand Lake. Pacific Union, Carolyn Jones 339-6460
- \$259,000** 4000 MAPLE AVE, Laurel, 3bd/1+ba charming Colonial, hwdws, frpl, private garden. Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460
- \$258,000** 10840 CAMERON AV, Oakland Hills, 3bd/2b, nw listing! immaculate, peaceful garden setting. Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- \$255,000** 3810 EVERETT AVE, Glenview, spacious 3/2, gourmet kitchen, level yd. Charm. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000 **SUNDAY 2-5**
- \$235,000** 4102 MAYBELLE, Upr Laurel district, new listing! 3bd/2ba view contemporary. Deck & yard. LaSalle Properties, Victor Fierro 832-4330
- \$229,000** 3280 CALIFORNIA ST, Laurel, 2bd/1+ba, new listing! cul de sac, nice back yd. Move in! Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460
- \$229,000** 8300 GOLF LINKS RD, Oakland Hills, pristine 4/3 trad'l, updt'd kit, master suite. Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460
- \$229,000** 4148 WATERHOUSE RD, Oakmore, 2bd/1ba, level charmer, pvt yd, sunny kit. Garage. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000 **SUN 2-5**
- \$185,000** 5343 BROADWAY TER #306, Rockridge 2bd/2b sunny unit w/vw of Country Club. By Owner 547-6808 eve/wkends; 415-954-4414 days
- \$179,000** 5335 BROADWAY TER #101, 3/2 large condo, great location Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- \$156,000** 4007 NEVIL ST, 2bd/1ba cute Spanish style, FDR, hwdw floors, grt bklyd, quiet cul-de-sac. Discount Brokers, Wayne Wilkerson 482-8100
- \$154,000** 376 ORANGE ST #2, Rare twins, Adams Pt, 40's Med details, 2bd, frpl, garage, some vw. Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000 X263
- \$149,000** 3514 REDDING ST, 2bd/1ba, Owner may carry second Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Sunday Peters 898-9423
- \$149,000** 4058 SUTER, 2bd w/hwdw floors, frpl, cute & charming! Prudential CA Realty 834-2010, Richard Matus 287-2501
- \$143,000** 1315 E. 34TH ST, Lower Glenview, 3bd/1ba loaded w/charm! Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Tina Mestas 869-4231
- \$138,000** 2824 ATWELL, 2/1 1/2 single level bungalow, hwdws, 2-car att'd garage. Harbor Bay RE 523-1144, Coly & Tom Young, 814-4841
- \$119,000** 2221 HARRINGTON, 3bd/1ba, grt large starter with w/w carpet, FDR, laundry room. Discount Brokers, Wayne Wilkerson 482-8100
- \$114,500** 555 JEAN ST #432, Rose Garden, private end-unit, 2bd/1ba w/lg balcony. Pool & sauna. The GRUBB CO, Linda McClain 339-0400
- \$72,000** 804 APPLE ST, Stonehurst, 2bd/1ba, cozy cottage, garden and garage. Must see. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000 **SUN 2-4**

ALAMEDA ***OPEN SUNDAY***

- \$329,950** 1278 CAROLINE, 2bd/1.5ba, cul-de-sac, window seat, frpl, hwdws LaSalle Properties, Jan Neff 339-8900 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**
- \$120,000** 955 SHOREPOINT CT #222, 2bd/2ba condo. Nice corner unit. Pool, parking. Barbara Wohl-Luttringer 865-9343 **SUNDAY 2-4**

ALBANY ***OPEN SUNDAY***

- \$239,000** 1110 CORNELL, Albany 2+bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Holly Rose 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$203,900** 931 EVELYN, Cute 2bd/1ba, central location, hwdws, frpl, more! LaSalle Properties, Lynette 222-9938 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

BERKELEY ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30***

- \$769,000** 2683 BUENA VISTA, Maybeck hm on historic Buena Vista Hill. 3/ 4.5, music studio, gardens. Templeton Company, 652-2133 Marlene Leverette X121, Paul Templeton X131 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$689,000** 260 STONEWALL RD, Claremont, 2+4/4, gracious & spacious. Walk to The Claremont. LaSalle Properties, Harry Kress 531-2140
- \$585,000** 22 WHITAKER, Berkeley Hills, 3+2/2.5, fab new construction. Views. Space, luxury, light! Prudential 845-0200, Candice 528-9284 **WORKING 530-7319**
- \$495,000** ONE VINE LN, New listing! 3/2 Engl. Cottage bilt 1923. Plank flrs. A rare find! Templeton Company, Carol Libby Neil 652-2133 X146 Access Vine from 1500 block of Euclid. **SUNDAY 2-5**
- \$487,000** 764 CONTRA COSTA AV, 4bd/2ba, above Solano, seller motivated! Gadsby & Associates, Paula Geiger 748-5300

- \$399,000** 1096 MILLER AV, Unique/stylish w/walls of glass, huge view, Bay/cyn vws. 2+2/2. The GRUBB CO, Bettina Balesbren 339-0400
- \$385,000** 1922 EL DORADO, Just listed! Stunning 3/2 crfsmn w/FDR, hwdws. Mstr opens to lg deck. Flat yd. Berkeley Hills RE 524-4444 Jean Auka 524-1700 X16 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$365,000** 2634 WOOLSEY ST, New listing! 3/2 w/charm! Heart of Emery Fab remod kit. Garden. Templeton Co. Susie Schevli 652-2133
- \$299,500** 1616 DELAWARE ST, Charming 2+bd/2b Br Shingle, fab kit, sunny yd, nr BART. Red Oak Realty, Susan 527-3387 X123 **SUN 2-4**
- \$279,000** 1745 LINCOLN ST, 1st open! 3bd/2ba Prudential CA Realty 845-0200, Wendy Kashiwa 287-9123 **SUN 2-4**
- \$140,000** 3039 ACTON, Charming & sweet. 2bd/1ba. Yd. Much potential! Templeton Company, Anne Van Dyke 652-2133 X137 **SUNDAY 2-4**

CASTRO VALLEY ***OPEN SUNDAY***

- \$310,000** 18179 WALNUT RD, Castro Valley, 3 bdms, 2ba up, 211 dwn Prudential CA Realty 888-6324, Lynn Levin 889-9981 **SUNDAY 2-4**

EL CERRITO ***OPEN SUNDAY***

- \$549,000** 1339 CONTRA COSTA DR, Nw listing! Lg, gracious 7/3.5, off rm, Terr-yd, decks, vws! Templeton Co. Ron Egberman 652-2133 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$350,000** 7350 STOCKTON, Stunning remodel! 3bd/2b, gorgeous garden view. More! Marvin Gardens 527-9111, Mary Gray 466-5843 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$269,000** 2530 CARQUINEZ, 3bd/1 1/2 ba, FDR, hwdws, full bsmt, att'd 2-car garage. Security Pacific, Gen Stern 222-8871 **SUN 2-4**
- \$255,000** 404 VILLAGE DR, Nw listing! charming Havenside 2bdrm, lg views, lg yd, gardn. Red Oak RE, Patrick 527-3387 X110 **SUN 2-4**
- \$215,000** 1500 ELM, 3bd/1ba In mint condition! Lg private yard Marvin Gardens RE, Nick Tang 527-9111 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$189,000** 708 RICHMOND, Delightful 2bd/1ba hm w/updt'd kitchen, hwdws, backyd, patio & shed. Marvin Gardens RE, Merrilyn Rhodes 527-3387 **SUNDAY 2-4**

HAYWARD ***OPEN SUNDAY***

- \$185,000** 828 SUEIRO, Hayward, 3 bdms, den, frpl, FDR, laundry rm Prudential CA RE 888-6324 Lynn Levin 889-9981 **SUNDAY 2-4**

KENSINGTON ***OPEN SUNDAY***

- \$419,000** 295 LEXINGTON RD, Beautiful 3/2 contem, SF vws, new living! Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X116 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$399,500** 21 KINGSTON RD, VIEW! 3+bd/3.5 ba trad'l, 2938 sq ft. Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X112 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$350,000** 98 RINCON RD, 2bd/1ba on 1/2 acre Prudential CA Realty, Lillie Braudy 644-5262 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

ORINDA ***OPEN SUNDAY***

- \$679,000** 21 DIAS DORADOS, 5/3 1/2, shows nicely, private level-in-lv Prudential CA 339-9290, George Millions 869-4233 **SUN 2-4**
- \$379,000** 212 EL TOYNAL, New listing! 3bd/2ba on 1/2 acre Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Jim Resor 869-4243 **SUNDAY 2-4**

PIEDMONT ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30***

- \$1,100,000** 111 SANDRINGHAM, Stunning custom 3bd/3+ba w/soaring ceilings, bay view. Pacific Union, Rosalie Woods 339-6460
- \$985,000** 18 SANDRINGHAM, 1st open! 4bd (3 are suites), elegant mature gardens. The GRUBB Company, Connie Rogers 339-0400
- \$899,000** 116 HAGAR AVE, Stately 4+bd, 2+ba, trad'l w/grt vws day & lg FDR, lg fam rm. Coldwell Banker, Phyllis Milenbach 339-1174
- \$760,000** 132 HAZEL LN, Fab central loc. w/bay vws! 4/3.5 ranch, dwn hwdws, rumpus, deck. The GRUBB CO, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400
- \$759,000** 297 ST. JAMES DR, 5bd/4ba, charming English flex 3000 sq ft, grt details. Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460
- \$689,000** 141 ST. JAMES DR, Carmel charm! 3/3 trad'l, office/study, rm, delightful setting. The GRUBB CO, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400
- \$610,000** 10 HARDWICK AVE, 3/3. Secluded court'd off LR & DR, lg yd, hwdws, 2 flr. The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400
- \$619,000** 129 ST. JAMES DR, Most house for the money! 4+bd/2ba Move in condition. Prudential CA RE, 428-0900, Vicki 644-5411
- \$585,000** 51 WILDWOOD GARDENS, Views/privacy/charm 1+bd/2ba The GRUBB Company, Jane Inch 339-0400
- \$539,000** 1558 OAKLAND AVE, Lovely 3bd/2.5 ba, patio, yard, nr BART Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Rosalie Marshall 644-5442
- \$529,000** 229 CARMEL AVE, 3bd/2ba, Beautiful Piedmont Home! Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Marynell Stone 869-4238
- \$489,000** 108 LATHAM ST, 3+bd/3b hwdw flrs, garden level out front family room. FOX San Ramon, Deanna Barn 735-7555
- \$439,000** 48 MANOR DR, Charming 2/1 English cottage, stone patio off landscp yd. Bonus rm up. Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-0400

SAN LEANDRO ***OPEN SUNDAY***

- \$324,950** 1365 GLEN DRIVE, 3 bedrooms Prudential CA Realty 888-6324, Lynn Levin **SUNDAY 1-4**

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Cal Performances presents:
March 1; 3 p.m.: Ian Bostridge, tenor, performing all Schumann works.

March 1; 7 p.m.: Global Divas: Susana Baca, Stella Chivwese and Tish Hinojosa performing Afro-Peruvian, Zimbabwean mbira, and Mexican American folk singer, guitarist; Hertz Hall, UC-Berkeley, at Bancroft and College. Tickets available at all BASS outlets, 642-9988, 762-BASS and at the door. \$14, \$20, \$24, \$26.

Outdoors
REI Berkeley
Feb. 26; 7 p.m.: Cycling in the Indian Himalaya with Jennifer Fox and

Goings

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The Thirteenth Annual Jewish Music Festival; 7:30 p.m.; "Salamone Rossi and the Italian-Jewish Renaissance," a concert of selections from Rossi's sacred and secular music performed by Ensemble Parnassus, Nolan Gasser director, with selected choreographies by Angene Peves, and mini-lecture by Nolan Gasser. At the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. Kensington, 848-0237. \$20/16/\$14.

Maybeck Studios; 4 p.m.; Walker/Fink Duo, new music for piano and clarinet. At Maybeck Studio for Performing Arts, 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley, 848-3228. \$15.

The JazzSchool Benefit and Spring Concert; 4 p.m.; Bill Douglass and Friends with two trios featuring Bill Douglass in both on bass and Bamboo flute. "Sultans of Swatch" with Ian Dogole on percussion and Eric Golob on viol and koky, a Japanese fiddle. Second trio

Public Notices

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 File No. 98-0292
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 3000 San Luis St., Richmond
 CA 94806
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STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 File No. 97-7357
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 CA 94606
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 File No. 98-0120
 The Name of the Business:
 5 Buena Vista, Orinda, CA 94563
 The following owner:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 98-0308
 The Name of the Business:
 11252 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, CA 94606
 The following owner:
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 File No. 98-0281
 The Name of the Business:
 170 Village Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94596
 The following owner:
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Quality Fire Protection, 10 Las Moradas Circle, San Pablo, CA 94606.
 is registered by the following owner:
 Roy E. Estrada, 10 Las Moradas Circle, San Pablo, CA 94606

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARION M. GREENLEY CASE NO. P98-00088
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: MARION M. GREENLEY

A PETITION has been filed by SUZANNE K. BOYD in the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa. The PETITION requests that SUZANNE K. BOYD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the independent administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 12, 1998 at 11:00 A.M. in Dept. 51 Room 8001 located at 725 Court Street P.O. Box 911 Martinez, CA 94553.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 Original File No. 95-6680
 The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name Cutting Gas and Mini-Mart at 3701 Cutting Blvd., Richmond, CA 94804.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Contra Costa County on November 7, 1995 under file number 95-6680.
 Signed: Edne R. Koppa
 This business was conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 98-0484
 The Name of the Business:
 Video Events, 1321 Bentley Street, Concord, CA 94518
 The following owner:
 1321 Bentley Street, Concord, CA 94518

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 98-0392
 The Name of the Business:
 Perry Karmen Publication, 4665 Nunn St., P.O. Box 1112, Brentwood, CA 94515
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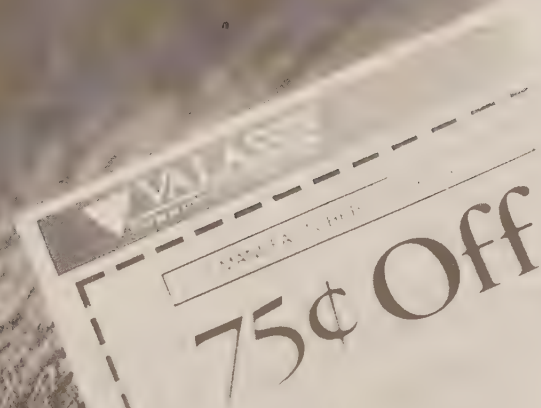
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If 75 cents was lying
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If you answered no, then maybe you would also pass up \$156. Because that's what you can save annually simply by using four 75 cent coupons per week. So, pick up your weekly coupon insert and start saving today. After all, you wouldn't want to pass up free money, would you?

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Benefit

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ley can not legally fund the purchase of needles. NEED pieces together the remaining \$28,000 it spends on the 6000 syringes it distributes weekly to around 100 clients through private donations, grants from sources including the Tides Foundation, AIDS Walk and

North American Syringe Exchange Network, and benefits, such as the one held last Friday.

Berkeley's City Council and its Community Health Commission would like that city to be able to fund the cost of syringes. The City Council is currently working with City Attorney Manuela Albuquerque to investigate ways Berkeley can pay for syringes without incur-

ring legal problems or can challenge the California law prohibiting the use of public money for syringes. "The City Council has recognized that something needs to be done," said Health Commissioner Lisa Feuchtbaum.

Berkeley is studying the funding structures of other cities, such as San Francisco and Santa Clara, that are actively involved in financing

needle exchange programs. Mayor Shirley Dean reports that the staff of the City Attorney's office is currently "talking to anybody and everybody" to uncover relevant information regarding needle exchange funding.

In its initial days in 1990, NEED had provided safe sex supplies and education out of a vacant lot at University and San Pablo Av-

enues, according to John Sharpshandler, who has been a NEED volunteer since its inception. He said clients who wanted to exchange needles were sent around the corner to see "a couple with a baby stroller."

In 1991, Berkeley police arrested one NEED's volunteers, Scott Halem, who is now a member of Berkeley's Health Com-

mission. Ever since that plight was called to attention at that point, the City has provided funding for the organization.

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cars that will change
opinion of
mid-size sedans.
Intrigue could do just
a good-looking
offering decent
handling and
seating for four
passengers.

Intrigue replaces the
Supreme in the Olds
eventually will
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as probably remem-
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if a car is going to
on your driveway
for six years you

don't want it to be an embar-
rassment. The Intrigue is
stylish and sleek — and in
our book more so than the
two leading imports.
Marion, wife and co-tester,
who often disagrees with our
views, is in agreement.

The Intrigue may not start
your heart pounding, but
neither do its rivals. The
styling is slightly on the con-
servative side, but still mod-
ern. Walk around it and we
think you'll like it.

Styling cues on the
Intrigue remind one of
Oldsmobile's flagship, the
Aurora sedan. In an attempt
to differentiate itself from its
sister divisions, the Intrigue
will be offered with only one
powertrain, two trim levels
and limited options. This
should make it easier to
walk out of the showroom
with a few dimes left in
your pocket.

Knowing the price of
other mid-size sedans, the
Intrigue is priced very com-
petitively. Our test car, a top-
of-the-line GL model, had a
base price of \$22,100; with
options, including leather
trim, \$24,370 including desti-
nation charges.

See INTRIGUE on page 2



The Intrigue could change your opinion of domestic mid-size sedans. It is a good-looking vehicle offering decent power, good handling and comfortable seating for four or five passengers.

Well, Mr. K, it's sure been nice!

By Arnold Wechter
North American Auto
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Expect to see less of the
smiling Japanese gentle-
man, Mr. K, and his love-
able fox terrier. Nissan
Division has decided Mr.
K is a fine fellow and a

favorite of TV viewers, but
he doesn't sell many cars or
trucks.
The next wave of national
TV spots for the Nissan
Altima is minus Mr. K. The
spots return to the make's
earlier position of "afford-
able luxury." The affordable
luxury theme was aban-

doned during the Mr. K
branding push.
Mr. K will also be missing
from ads pushing Nissan's
midsize Maxima and its new
Frontier truck. The new ads
emphasize features of the
vehicles.
Tom Petty, president of the
TBWA Chia/Day ad agency

and world-wide account
director for Nissan, said it
still hasn't been decided
on "how to use Mr. K in
the future."
The "Enjoy the Ride" cam-
paign failed to boost

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Intrigue

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Standard features included such items as traction control, anti-lock 4-wheel brakes, remote door locks and dual zone air conditioning. Japanese imports with like features and powertrain will cost up to \$29,000.

Unlike its sister sedans, the Pontiac Grand Prix and Buick Regal, Oldsmobile does not offer a supercharged version of the 3800 V-6.

If you're a member of the lead foot group, then GM has something fitting your needs.

The 3800 V-6 is a modernized version of an old pushrod engine. It is smooth and comparatively quiet. It puts out 195 bhp at 5200 rpm and 220 ft/lbs of torque at 4000 rpm.

Don't put down the base 3800 V-6. It will go from 0 to 60 mph in eight seconds. This means it will allow you to enter crowded freeways safely and passing slower cars will be a pleasure rather than providing a feeling of apprehension. The engine is

electronically limited to a top speed of 126 mph.

The 4-speed electronically-controlled, automatic 4-speed transmission, the powertrain is a pleasure to operate.

The shifts are imperceptible in part-throttle opera-

security.

The suspension system has been completely revised to provide an agile but smooth ride — neither too harsh nor too soft.

Marion, who first drove the car at its press introduction last year, told us: "I told you that you would like it." She pointed out the car's suspension system provides predictable tracking, acceptable body roll and good isolation on bad roads.

Don't put down the Intrigue's V-6. It will go from 0 to 60 mph in eight seconds, allowing you to enter crowded freeways safely; passing slower cars will be a pleasure rather than providing a feeling of apprehension.

The engine is also quite economical. The EPA claims it should get 19 mpg around town and 30 mph on the road.

Our test car did not reach these figures. It averaged 18.0 mpg in conditions evenly divided between highway and city driving.

Oldsmobile reportedly will get first shot at GM's new, 4-valve, all-aluminum V-6 which will debut in the next year or two and is set to go in the Intrigue.

One thing that impressed both of us was the structural rigidity of the test car. It is rock steady and this provided us with a feeling of

The variable power assist steering is certainly adequate if not outstanding. We found the front bucket seats to offer a good support and comfort.

Two normal-sized adults should find the rear bench seat comfortable. Three, however, will be slightly crowded.

Instrumentation is just about what you would expect in a family sedan. The instrument panel is placed for easy viewing by the driver and the gauges are analog.

There is a speedo, tach, odometer and trip odometer plus temperature and fuel gauges. Two stalks off the steering column operate all the major controls — including the headlights.

Our test car had the sound system with secondary controls on the steering wheel. We liked that they were placed below the wheel spokes.

In other GM cars we found our self accidentally changing stations and volume accidentally because the controls were too high on the wheel.

There are dual controls for the heating system which makes for pleasant relations between couples on long drives.

For those who rate a car by the number of cup holders, the Intrigue is right up there, offering four — two in the back and two up front.

Oldsmobile's designers and engineers have done an excellent job in providing GM with a car that can go head-to-head with all those imports. The Intrigue certainly deserves a look by prospective buyers seeking a car in its class.



This handsome 1935 Bentley, a right-hand drive automobile fitted with a Salmons weather four-door convertible sedan body, is Dr. Max Rubin's dream come true.

Man and his 1935 Bentley constant companions

Classic Classics

By Vern Parker

Having long wanted a pre-World War II automobile, Dr. Max Rubin's opportunity finally presented itself in 1984. An Austin, Texas man was ready to sell his 1935 Bentley. The handsome right-hand drive automobile was fitted with a Salmons & Sons all-weather four-door convertible sedan body.

Before settling on the Bentley, Rubin had looked at a few Rolls-Royce automobiles. "I was too young for a Rolls-Royce," he decided, whereas the Bentley was just right. Rubin flew to Texas, saw the car, bought it and returned to his Washington, D.C., home to await the arrival of his acquisition.

Shortly thereafter, the all-black Bentley rolled into town on the back of a truck and was promptly unloaded. Rubin still recalls how he anxiously climbed into the unfamiliar car, sat behind the four-spoke steering wheel, and quickly flooded the engine.

A rescue call to a local veteran Bentley owner was made, and after a quick

course in "Bentley 101," the problem was resolved and the big six-cylinder engine started.

The wiring throughout the car was found to be in terrible condition, but with that deficiency corrected, the reliable Bentley became a daily driver. The floor-mounted hand brake and gearshift lever at the driver's right knee seemed natural, as did the mechanical brakes and steering from the right seat.

Within a brief time, car and owner became inseparable. Soon Rubin was regularly driving his new old car to work and on errands, however, he never raised the top.

Thankfully, the car arrived from Texas equipped with both left and right outside mirrors. "You can't live without the mirrors," Rubin said knowingly, after terrifying bouts with modern-day traffic.

One dark and dreary November day, he was driving home when rain began falling. He hurriedly put the well-worn top up and

continued on. That the top blew off.

Rubin decided that it was time to restoration. Initially thought just a new would fix things. Ultimately, a restoration owner pointed out wood framework in ports the body was of replacement.

The fact that his Bentley was on the collapsing convinced of the need for restoration. Everything was gone from the 10 1/2-mile on the headlights to metal-shrouded steel the bottom-hinged

The careful carriage by Salmons & Sons, a century before had adulterated by various owners over the years.

At first glance the some fabric top appeared formidable when lowering it. How clever mechanic Salmons & Sons devised a whereby the engine inserted into a fitting

See BENTLEY

Oldsmobile Intrigue specifications

- Type: four-door sedan
- Base price: \$22,100, as tested: \$24,370
- Options on out test car included:
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 3. AM/FM audio system with cassette, compact disk and automatic tone control (\$170);
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 5. Steering wheel touch controls for radio functions (\$125);
- Destination charge (\$550);
- Engine: V-6 with cast iron heads and block, transversely mounted, front drive;
- Displacement: 231 cu.in./3800 cc;
- Horsepower: 195 bhp @ 5200 rpm;
- Torque: 220 ft/lbs @ 4000 rpm;
- Transmission: four-speed electronically controlled automatic;
- Steering: rack-and-pinion with variable-power assist;
- Brakes: 10.8-in. vented front discs, solid 10.9-in. rear discs with anti-lock braking system (ABS);
- Wheelbase: 109.0 in.;
- Overall length: 195.6 in.;
- Width: 73.6 in.;
- Height: 56.6 in.;
- Curb weight: 3,580 lbs.;
- Track, front/rear: 62.1/61.7 in.
- Fuel capacity: 18.0 gallons;
- EPA rating: 19 mpg, city, 30 mpg, highway.

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... degree from the
... of New
... Hampshire. His second
... was in electrical
... engineering.
... You might think when
... started coming up
... ways to clean up
... automotive pollution in
... Angeles that he would
... electric. Wrong.
... The 36-year-old Lambert
... moves houses to pay the
... while he schemes and
... of steam. He has
... a company called

Lambert-Bailey Steam Auto-
motive Corp. Mention steam
to most people and they
think "old." Even steam
locomotives are gone from
the rails except as tourist
attractions.

Perhaps some of those
people have seen the old
Stanley Steamer in the
lobby of the Stanley (yes,
related) Hotel in Estes Park,
Colorado.

That's not only old, it's
huge. Maybe they've seen Jay
Leno and one of his steam
cars on television. That's not
only old and huge, it's funny.

Anyone attending the
Pebble Beach Concours
d'Elegance last August
probably saw a rather strik-
ing collection of steam cars.
But Mike Lambert sees steam
as the future. Its advantages,
he says, are many.

First, steam is clean —
clean running with no lead
acid batteries to dispose of.
Nor does steam have some of
the drawbacks of electric
vehicles, with their limited
range, power, near useless-
ness in cold weather, and the
need to suckle electricity
from a heavy-duty power
source every so often.

Electric vehicles serve well
as second cars for short
commutes or shopping
errands.

Drivers who want a single
car to answer all their needs,
long and short range, with
the ease and availability of
refueling now experienced
with gasoline can't get that
from an EV. They can from
steam, according to Lambert.

Independent engineering
companies have evaluated
Lambert's plans and confirm

the feasibility of his ideas —
both mechanically and
financially. With steam, car
owners would still have
power windows, locks, air
conditioning and audio
systems.

Indeed, and this is the
stunner: they could probably
have the very same car they
have right now. Lambert says
his steam system would
require only a relatively
simple conversion of the
existing engine. "Two men
and one day" is his claim.

In simplest terms, the
conversion entails the re-
moval of the internal com-
bustion engine parts, the
cylinder head, and all the
carburetion and ignition and
exhaust equipment. This is
replaced with modular heads
and special valves, a ceramic
burner, plumbing and com-

Independent
engineering
companies have
evaluated
Lambert's plans
and confirm the
feasibility of his
ideas — both
mechanically
and financially.

puter controls. The radia-
tor is replaced with a
more efficient condenser
to rapidly return the
water used in its phase
change as steam back to
water again to be reused.

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Nissan sales in the U.S. Sales
dropped 4.7 percent in 1997
from 1996.

Silver Seraph

Rolls-Royce will introduce
its first new sedan since 1980
in the U.S. in March. The
suggested retail price will be
\$216,400.

It will be powered by a
322-horsepower V-12 engine
from BMW and will bear a
new nameplate, the Silver
Seraph, after "an angel of the
highest order." It replaces the
\$189,000 Silver Spur as a 1999
model.

The Geneva auto show on
March 3 will be the site
where the Silver Seraph will
be formally introduced.

Bentley checks in

In May, the Bentley
Arnage will follow the
Seraph, said Dean Miller,
president of the company's
U.S. sales arm.

Successor to the Bentley
Turbo RT, the Arnage is
powered by a twin-turbo, 4.4-
liter BMW V-8 providing 350
horsepower. It will be priced
at \$199,990.

Chrysler looking around

Chrysler, the smallest Big
Three player in the overseas
market, may be seeking to
buy all or part of another
auto company, according to
chairman Robert Eaton. In a
speech to the Economic Club
of Detroit, Eaton said: "Obvi-
ously, we're looking around,
and if the right thing materi-
alizes, we'll be a player."

It is clear that Chrysler is
taking a greater interest in
operations outside North
America. No elaborations on
Eaton's remark has been
available from the company.
In January, Eaton told stock
analysts that he expects some
consolidation in the first half
of 1998.

He said Chrysler hopes to
boost its business in Europe,
where it has the smallest
operations among domestic
auto firms.

Samsung seeking

Sources in Seoul claim
Samsung Motors Co., a
startup Korean automaker,
has been talking to Ford,
Chrysler and BMW AG.
Samsung announced in
December it wanted to
manufacture 80,000 vehicles
in 1998, but the Korean
economic crisis may cause it
to abandon auto production,
the company stated.

Soft sales cause GM production cut

Auto Shorts

By Arnold Wechter
North American
Auto Writers Syndicate

DETROIT, Mich.—First-
quarter production at GM's
North American factories has
been cut 1.6 percent from its
previous plan. The auto
maker cited soft sales of
small cars such as Saturns
and the Chevrolet Cavalier,
Prizm and Metros.

It is now planned to build
1.39 million cars and trucks
in the first quarter, 3.7 per-
cent fewer than the 1.44
million GM built in the first
quarter of 1997 GM said it
plans to cut 20,000 cars from
its first quarter estimate and

increase truck production by
3,000 units.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—
Evidence from an internal
General Motors product
document indicates that the
Buick Riviera is near the end
of the road as a luxury coupe.
The document indicated that
a Riviera redesign for the
2000 model year has been
cancelled.

However, the Riviera still
could merge on a product
line with the 2000-model
Oldsmobile Aurora, possibly
as a 4-door sedan, GM
sources claim. Buick dealers
expressed displeasure about
the demise of the Riviera.

If the Riviera was dropped,
dealers would have only four
nameplates, down from eight
in 1990. Riviera sales are low

with just 14,089 sold last year,
down 32 percent from 1996.
Dealers claim the Riviera
name adds value to the
franchise.

DETROIT, Mich.—Saturn
Corp., stung by a recent
downward trend in the sub-
compact market, may turn to
a daily rental fleet for the first
time since the nameplate was
introduced in 1990.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car
executives has been meeting
with Saturn officials about
the possibility of moving
their cars onto rental lots.

A Saturn spokesman says
the auto maker is proceeding
cautiously and conferring
closely with its dealers on the
subject. "Our overriding
issue is that we have to

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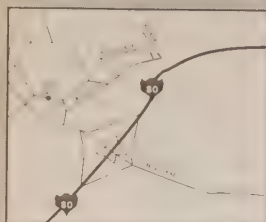
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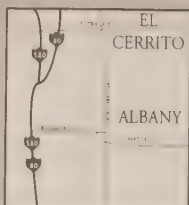
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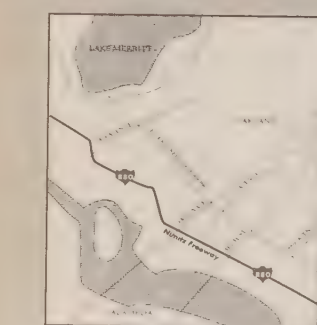
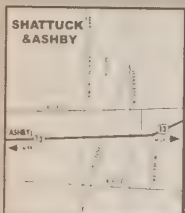
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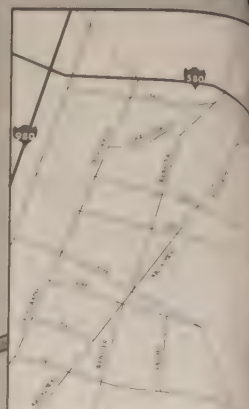
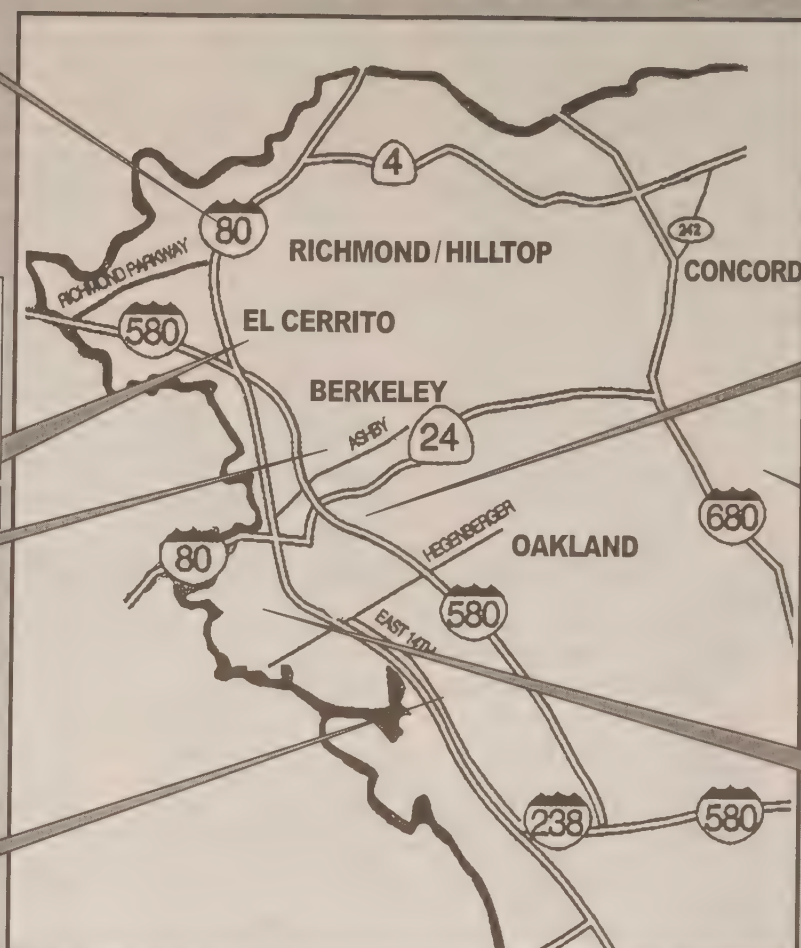
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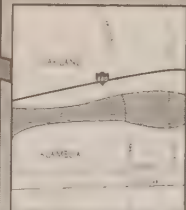
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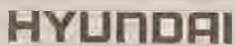


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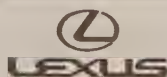


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Auto Q & A

By Todd Hayes

Q: I have two problems with my 1991 Buick LeSabre with 99,000 miles on the odometer. First, the check-engine light has been coming on. The service people tell me there is no malfunction and not to worry about it. Secondly, whenever the fuel level is below a quarter tank, the engine will sometimes start sputtering or stall unless the tank is refilled. I think the gauge is OK because it doesn't take the normal amount to get the tank full, indicating there is still fuel in the tank. What are your thoughts?

Lisa Johnson -Houston TX

A: The check engine-light indicates the vehicle's computer has detected a malfunction. The light is turned on to alert the driver and a trouble code is stored in the computer's memory indicating the nature malfunction. Further testing is necessary to determine the specific cause. See your dealer.

Your Buick's fuel starvation could indicate a mispositioned tank sending unit, allowing the pick up to pull in air when the fuel level drops to a quarter tank. As outlined in Mitchell On-Demand technical service bulletin No. 92-6E-19, a new strainer is available that will stay submerged in fuel and prevent starvation. Be sure the tank is cleaned of any dirt buildup when replacing the strainer. Good luck.

Q: I have a 1989 Ford Taurus Wagon with a 3.8 liter V6. On cold mornings, the car is very difficult to start. When driving on the freeway the car runs OK but in traffic the car stalls and sometimes will not go over 20 m.p.h.. The car has had a tune-up and fuel injection service. Any suggestions? Jack Williams — Houston TX.

A: A Sable visited one of my shops recently. It also was stalling and creating a power loss. After checking for vacuum leaks and faulty wiring, a technician installed a temporary fuel pressure gauge and drove the car until the symptoms returned.

It was discovered the fuel pump was failing. A new fuel pump and filter provided the cure. If the fuel pressure on your Taurus proves acceptable, check for a faulty E.G.R.

(Exhaust Gas Recirculation) valve, distributor pickup or module, or a failing computer or sensor. See a certified technician for help.

Q: I have a 1992 Chevrolet Cavalier Z24. The car has 60,000 miles on it and during that time the front brake pads have been replaced five times. Is there a reason for this? I have been using low-cost pads figuring the more expensive ones would wear out just as quickly. What are your views on this? Ed Moore — Houston TX

A: For maximum brake pad life and performance, use premium brake parts. Driving conditions play a major role in the life span of the brake pads. Driving in stop-and-go traffic wears the pads much quicker than highway driving.

Some ways to extend brake pad life is to avoid sudden stops, keep a constant pace, avoid tailgating and make sure your foot is not resting on the brake pedal when unnecessary.

Finally, have a certified technician inspect your brake system to be sure all is OK. If the rear brakes are not performing up to par, the front brakes may wear prematurely. Hope this helps.

Submit your automotive questions to:

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continue to protect the brand equity and value. Saturn spokesman Greg Martin.

STUTTGART, Germany—Deliveries of the Class Mercedes-Benz resumed, ending a three-month suspension order after the car flipped in a safety test.

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Easy reminders when car trouble strikes

Some of the most common car problems, although easily dealt with, can be worrisome when road or weather conditions are unfavorable. Knowing exactly what you can do yourself and when you should call for help is important.

The following questions and answers are taken from Shell Oil Company's Answer Books #1 and #7. If you are interested in Shell's group of answer books, write to Shell Answers, Shell Oil Company, P.O. Box 4681, Houston, TX 77210, or call 1-800-23-SHELL.

Q: What's the right way to get a jump-start?

A: Have good jumper cables, for one thing. Good cables have sturdier jaws and more strands of better conduction wire. If you have a cheap set, you can improve

them by going under the plastic sheath where cable meets grip and squeezing the connection tight with a pair of pliers.

Get the two cars nose to nose, or parallel—but not touching. Place both cars in Park (neutral for manual transmission), engage the emergency brake, and turn off the ignitions and all accessories. Be sure both batteries have the same voltage.

1. Take either red jaw and attach it to the dead battery's positive(+) terminal.

2. Connect the other red jaw to the positive terminal on the good battery.

3. Now take one of the black jaws and attach it to the good battery's negative(-) terminal.

4. Attach the other black jaw to an unpainted metal surface under the stalled

car's hood that is not near the carburetor or battery and is not aluminum.

Make sure the cables are clear of any fans or belts. Start the booster car, then try to start the stalled one. Still no luck? Let the booster car's engine run for five minutes with the cable connected. Now try again.

Remove the clips in reverse order—last one on is the first off. Keep the motor of the formerly dead car running. If the motor is turned off too soon, the battery may lose its charge again.

Q: What's the safest way to change a tire?

A: Your owner's manual is the best source on how to change a tire. Here are some general rules.

Park on level ground, away from oncoming traffic. Always block the wheels at the end of the car opposite the end with the flat, to keep the car from rolling. Other steps to take before you jack up the car: Put the car in Park (or in gear if you have a

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It's the power of steam introduced into the cylinder under high pressure that gives a piston its power stroke instead of the mini explosion of gasoline vapors sparked by a plug inside the cylinder.

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Bentley

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the left rear of the top. After the latches above the windshield are released, the crank is turned and, guided by the functional landau bars, the top is easily lowered by one man turning the crank.

The 3.5-liter engine was good before and is better now, running as silently as advertised. Sixteen thermostatically controlled louvers ahead of the radiator in conjunction with 24 stationary louvers on each side of the engine hood help keep the engine running cool.

A pair of S.U. carburetors feed fuel to the thirsty engine. Rubin reports mileage figures of about 13 to 15 mpg. Although the speedometer registers speeds up to 110 mph, Rubin said, "I've only had it up to 90 mph. The trouble is stopping."

The mechanically operated brakes on the typically heavy Bentley bind the 5.50 x 18-inch Dunlop tires mounted on 70-spoke wire wheels. Each wheel has three evenly spaced posts on which weighted washers can be stacked in order to balance the tires.

When perfection is achieved, a cap is placed over the stack of weights and then locked into place.

"It's a total pain in the neck to balance the tires," Rubin said with a tone of voice that suggests he pays someone else to complete the chore.

A Duesenberg-like scallop in the metal sweeps down from the long engine hood and across the front door before gracefully curving back toward the front just above the Bentley's running board.

When repainting time came, Rubin decided that a dark burgundy color in that inset would complement the burgundy piping on the black top.

The two chrome trumpet horns are loud enough to clear the way for his handsome chariot.

If you have an antique car of interest to "Classic Classics" readers, write to Vern Parker detailing its merits. (Please, no inquiries about selling or buying vehicles.)

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Heavy-duty chassis expands gas motorhome market

Rolling Homes

Gasoline-powered Class A motorhomes that cost less than \$100,000 are the solid end-and-end of the industry. For years, Chevrolet and Ford dominated the market. This isn't changed; now these two companies are producing new, heavier-rated chassis that open up a whole new realm of possibilities for gas-powered motorhomes.

gets too big, it's easy to exceed the chassis GVWR, resulting in overloaded motorhomes. Some manufacturers built overloaded coaches by accident, and others simply didn't give a hoot and built whatever they darn well wanted.

It's possible, and practical,

frame to provide extra wheelbase length to better accommodate the longer coach body.

Frame stretching, like tag axle use, requires precision manufacturing standards, and inaccurate welding or assembly can cause headaches down the road. Tags

with specific component elements designed for that modification, should a manufacturer wish to increase the wheelbase.

The Chevrolet chassis is powered by the 7.4-Liter (454 CID) V-8 big-block engine rated at 265 horsepower at 4,000 rpm and 390 ft/lb of torque at 2,800 rpm.



Ford and Chevrolet have new heavy-duty chassis with higher GVWR. The heavier chassis open up a whole new realm of possibilities for gas-powered motorhomes.

to increase a chassis' GVWR by adding a tag axle. Take for example, a Ford chassis with a 17,000-pound GVWR and an 11,000-pound rear axle gross axle weight rating. Adding a tag axle with a 4,000-pound GAWR can create a chassis 21,000-pounds GVWR because that tag axle has provided extra weight-carrying capacity.

Tag axles have their drawbacks. While they do supply extra aft-end support and they can help stabilize a coach that's too long for its basic chassis, it's also possible to install them incorrectly such that long-term axle alignment and tire wear problems exist in a coach so modified. In many cases of tag axle use, the coach builder has also stretched the

and stretching also add cost.

The new GM and Ford chassis models can help eliminate all of those overloading- and undersize-related problems, as well as offer a variety of highly desirable motorhome features. Both chassis are similar in that they offer four-wheel power disc brakes with four-wheel anti-lock brakes as standard equipment.

Both chassis use solid axles front and rear, leaf-spring suspension at all four corners and have standard equipment anti-sway bars. Straight, flat-topped frame rails are now standard, which will make it easier for the coach manufacturers to add to the motorhome bodies.

Both chassis also are designed for easy stretching,

at 275 hp at 4,250 rpm and 410 ft/lb at 2,650 rpm.

The new Ford models include an 18,000-pound GVWR chassis with 7,000-pound GAWR front and 11,000-pound GAWR rear axles, in 178-, 190-, 208- and 228-inch wheelbase versions; and a 20,500-pound GVWR chassis with a 7,000-pound GAWR front and 13,500-pound GAWR rear axles, in 208- and 228-inch models.

These new chassis will enable coach builders to design larger motorhomes with greater cargo capacity, improved ride, handling, steering and braking. There'll be some exciting new coaches on the showroom floors, rigs that put a whole new meaning on the phrase "getting there is half the fun."

Trouble

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manual transmission), and make sure the emergency brake is on.

Take out the spare and the jack. Take off the flat tire's hub cap (it's like trying to pry a non-screw cap off a jar of jelly). If you have special wheel covers, consult your owner's manual. Loosen each lug nut one turn.

Finally, you're ready for the jack. The flat tire should be jacked at least two or three inches off the ground. Remove the lug nuts and put them in the hub cap so you won't lose them. Pull off the flat.

Put the spare tire on, then tighten them, but not all the way. Jack down the car until the tire is just touching the ground. Now tighten the lug nuts as tight as you can: start with one, then do its opposite, then its opposite, and so on. Finish lowering the car.

Remove the wheel blocks and put your tools and hub cap away. Have the flat fixed or replaced as soon as possible. Driving without a spare is asking for trouble.

Q: What is in a good emergency kit?

A: Emergency items every car should have: Dry cloth, all-purpose wire (to lash down a sprung trunk lid or whatever), jumper cables, two insulated screwdrivers (one standard, one Phillips head), adjustable wrench, insulated pliers, jug full of water, safety goggles, flashlight, duct tape, spare fan belt (even if you can't put it on yourself, you'll have the right size when help arrives) siphon pump, at least one quart of oil, and flares.

Q: Which engine lights mean immediate trouble and which do not?

A: It's always a good idea to pay attention to all engine lights. Here's a phrase to help you remember what to do when a light turns on: STOP, A-OK. Each letter stands for a word: Stop for Temperature or Oil Pressure, and Alternator (Alt.) OK to keep driving.

A red alternator light—sometimes marked with a battery symbol or "Amp"—simply means your battery is

not being recharged. Turn off all electrical equipment (except headlights if you need them) and continue driving to the nearest service station. Don't turn off the engine until you get help—starting is a heavy drain on the battery.

(The brake and "Check Engine" warning lights are like the alternator light: they all mean "Get to a service station," not "Stop now." Just make sure your emergency brake is completely released.)

If your oil pressure light comes on, take your foot off the gas, coast somewhere to park, and turn off the ignition. Check the oil dipstick. If you're low, add oil, start up, and watch the warning light. If it doesn't go out within 30 seconds, turn the engine back off and get help. Otherwise, drive slowly to a service station and make sure your oil is back to the right level.

Q: What do I do if I think my engine may be overheating?

A: If the red temperature light flickers on and off, turn on the heater, which will draw heat away from the engine. Continue driving only if the light stays off.

If it stays on, pull over safely and turn off the engine. Look for a broken fan belt or a leak in your heater or radiator hoses. If the leak is under a clamp, tighten the clamp with a screwdriver. (Note: Some spring clamps cannot be tightened.)

If you see a small leak in the hose, allow enough time for the engine to cool (usually a full 90 minutes). Put on goggles and cautiously remove the cap. Tape the hose leak with strong duct tape.

Next, with the engine running, add water to the radiator. Replace the cap but leave it one notch looser: a tight cap will pressurize the system and blow open your patch. Drive slowly to the nearest service station.

If there's no sign of a leak, let the engine cool. When the radiator cap is cool enough to handle easily, cautiously remove it and add water. Drive on slowly until the red warning light appears again. Stop for 30 minutes of cooling. With luck, you should get a mile or more of driving for each 30 minutes of cooling.

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